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## CHANCES OF WAR.

KWANGSI FACTION SEEKS REVENGE.

### A BAD SIGN.

Canton Troops May Now Oppose Ironsides.

LIKELIHOOD OF CONFLICT AROUND CHINA NEW YEAR.

Chances of further war near Canton are rapidly dwindling as the Kwangsi faction is showing a tendency to administer punishment to military corps which did not side with it in the crisis two months ago.

With General Li Chai-sum back at the head of affairs, units in the Kwangsi army are moving out as if to give battle to the Ironsides. In the West River, half a battalion of Papersides has been disarmed.

Such news will, of course, be disquieting to merchants who had hoped for conditions approximating to peace. Hostilities so close to China New Year are likely to have an adverse effect but hope has not been abandoned.

### PAPERSIDES CHASED.

Reports from Canton, inspired by official or semi-official sources, must be accepted with reserve. However, overnight news points to a campaign against the Ironsides being possible.

Then friction is increasing between the Government and the 5th Army under General Li Fook-lum (known as the Papersides) who control Honam, on the opposite side of the River to Canton. A belated despatch admits that a battalion of Papersides, on garrison duty in the West River, was pursued by the Kwangsi faction's 13th division, prior to Canton being re-entered.

Policy Viewed With Alarm.

The 13th division was proceeding to Samshui to join comrades coming down the West River. Near the point of assembly was a Paperside battalion which retreated on the other side's approach. Half the men in the unit, about 250 strong, were disarmed. Then the Kwangsi leaders are urging General Li Chai-sum to order the Papersides out of Honam, so that they can be dealt with away from the fastness of their own stronghold. Because Papersides have maintained order in Honam for years, the people there view the Kwangsi intentions with alarm.

Doubt in War Reports.

It is still maintained that the Ironsides, having withdrawn to the upper East River, have come in contact with Kwangsi troops endeavouring to reach Canton from Swatow.

Now that Canton is again in the hands of Kwangsi troops there is no necessity for the Kwangsi leaders at Swatow to march back, especially as the greatly superior force of Ironsides bars the way.

Another obstacle in the way is the Soviet Government and its Communist army in the hinterland of Bias Bay.

Still, reports persist that the Kwangsi expedition from Swatow (marching in support of General Li Chai-sum) has been defeated twice by the Ironsides in the East River basin.

Protecting the Railway.

Commandeering of native craft by troops of the Canton Government has also caused uneasiness as it is believed that the boats will be used to transport Kwangsi troops to Shekiung, a large town situated at the point where the Kowloon-Canton Railway crosses the East River, 40 miles east of Canton.

Then, some of the shallow-draught ships in the Canton Navy

are under orders to proceed up the East River.

Two more brigades of Kwangsi troops are moving out to Shekiung and other preparations lend strength to the war rumours.

Observers report, on the other hand, that the Kwangsi army is merely protecting the railway and adjacent areas, this being necessary as the Ironsides are only 20 miles away, further up the East River.

New Garrison at Arsenal.

Sources favourable to the Ironsides maintain—in the Ironsides' interest—that the Kwangsi army has been severely defeated, and that the pro-Chiang Kai-shek division on the Fukien frontier has joined hands with the Ironsides.

Meanwhile the Kwangsi administration in Canton city has been restored and changes made where necessary, the latter including the guard at the arsenal. The Canton papers have published documents, rather belatedly, referring to the Communist rising and the flight of a section of the Canton Navy just before the Kwangsi army set foot in Canton before the New Year. The documents are in the light of exposure of anti-Government intrigue.

### REDS ROUTED.

Pro-Canton Troops Win Near Pakkai.

Fort Bayard, Dec. 31.

Communists in the southern peninsula of Kwangtung province have been trounced by troops loyal to the Canton Government.

Up till a few days ago, the Luichow peninsula had been clear of trouble. Then troops from the port of Pakkai and from Luichow fought a Communist band at On-po, a large market town two days from Pakkai. The troops are following up their victory and pursuing the Reds on to Limkong, Fachow and Koehow. Luichow and On-po are quiet again.

There are very few foreigners at Luichow just now. Two of them had to go inland for a few days and the only one left was a lady who was among 60,000 Chinese. Conditions have improved a good deal of late. An occasional correspondent.

[Note: This part of Kwangtung has not been involved in the recent struggle between the Kwangsi faction and the Ironsides because it was out of reach of the main armies.]

### SHANGHAI OUTRAGE.

TOBACCO CO. EMPLOYEE SHOT.

Shanghai, Yesterday. A workman of the British American Tobacco Company was killed in a shooting affray at Nan-tai early on Tuesday morning. British Naval Wireless.

## CHIANG REINSTATED.

Nationalist Fortunes Not Changed.

### LOOKING FOR HELP.

Generalissimo Flirting With Hankow Leaders.

Very much the same as before Chiang Kai-shek "resigned" a few months ago, with the Party still divided against itself.

As briefly as possible, that would sum up the Nationalist fortunes to-day with Chiang Kai-shek reinstated as Generalissimo.

When his Generals brought pressure to bear on him, he withdrew. There is no guarantee that the recalcitrant Generals have been won over to him again.

In fact, the armies under the Kwangsi military faction and several others who surrendered from the Northern side are still opposed to him.

Seeking Support Everywhere.

Having to seek support wherever he can, Chiang Kai-shek has clung to a section of politicians whom he has accused before of being Leftists, Pinks and Reds. These are led by Mr. Wang Ching-wei (in temporary exile) and are known as the Canton clique.

General Ho Ying-ching's army—numbered the 1st—has stuck to Chiang Kai-shek. Now there is a possibility that the units in the former Hankow Army, numbering at least 50,000 men, are treating with Chiang Kai-shek.

Competing for Services.

This Hankow Army bitterly opposed Chiang Kai-shek at one time. Then it was defeated by an expedition from Nanking, led by a General of the Kwangsi faction.

At one time the Hankow Army was going to join up with the Kwangsi faction but it is now holding out for better terms with Chiang Kai-shek a competitor for its services.

Although troops have been recalled from the Shantung front to protect Chiang Kai-shek and his new Government at Nanking, the Northerners continue to do badly; but they still hope that Chiang Kai-shek's administration will be hampered by his former supporters. Our political correspondent.

Shanghai, To-day.

Mr. C. C. Wu has petitioned the Nanking Government to recall his appointment. He says he believes that the time is not ripe to take up the revision of Treaties with the United States.

It is believed that the outstanding feature in the coming Spring will be a struggle for power between the Kwangsi-ites in Hankow and Canton and the Chekiang party in Nanking and Shanghai.—Reuter.

### CONFIRMED.

Yan Chuen Feng Was Executed.

Kiukiang, Yesterday. It is confirmed that Yan Chuen-feng has been executed.

### YANG AND WU.

Both Go Up River To Wanhien.

Yang Sen, accompanied by Wu Peifu, has left for Wanhien. According to reports here, the Nationalists are sending an expedition against Yang Sen.—British Naval Wireless.

Wuhu Kerosene Tax.

Wuhu, Yesterday. No settlement has yet been arrived at in connection with the kerosene tax question.—British Naval Wireless.

Nanking Appointments.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Mr. T. V. Soong has been officially appointed Finance Minister of the Nanking Government, and Mr. Sun Fo as Minister of Construction, which is apparently a new portfolio.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi is appointed acting Foreign Minister during the absence of Mr. C. C. Wu, who has been appointed special delegate to America to negotiate a Treaty between the Nationalist Government and the United States.

It is understood that Dr. Wang Cheng-ting has been offered the Foreign portfolio, but has at present not accepted it.—Reuter.

## SUBMARINE'S FATE.

Special Committee to Investigate.

SOME BODIES RECOVERED.

Personal Experiences Of A Congressman.

Washington, Yesterday. It is announced that President Coolidge is considering the appointment of a special committee to investigate the submarine S4 disaster. — Reuter's American Service.

Three Bodies Found.

Province Town (Massachusetts), Yesterday.

Divers have recovered three bodies in the engine room of the



REP. H. LA GUARDIA

wrecked submarine S4.—Reuter's American Service.

"Everything Possible Done."

Baton, Yesterday. Mr. F. La Guardia, a member of the House of Representatives, following a 36-hour voyage in submarine S8, which executed various evolutions, including diving, has decided not to deliver in Congress a vigorous speech which he had prepared attacking the Government for failing to rescue the men imprisoned in submarine S4.

Mr. La Guardia declares that he found that everything possible was done for the lost men. He now proposes to advocate larger submarines and higher wages for the "brave men who risk their lives daily in them."—Reuter's American Service.

### AFGHANS KING.

VISIT TO CONTINENTAL CAPITALS.

LONDON IN FEBRUARY.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The King and Queen of Afghanistan will leave Egypt tomorrow for Rome on a State visit to the King and Queen of Italy. Their visit will last two weeks. Their Afghan Majesties will then proceed to Paris, where they will

### FRESH AND FINE.

N.E. winds, fresh, fine, to cloudy, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow. The anticyclone has weakened slightly and spread eastward. Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

be the guests of the French Republic.

They will arrive in London at the end of February on a State visit to King George and Queen Mary.

The British Minister in Afghanistan, Sir Francis Humphreys, is on his way home from Kabul to discuss with the Foreign Secretary and officials of the Court the arrangements for the visit. The arrangements will require a good deal of detailed attention because the Majesties of the party, though they are ignoring some conventions for the purpose of their European visit, must have regard to the restrictions imposed by their religion.—British Wireless Service.

### TODAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, today was 2/0 7/16.

## "IRENE" PIRACY.

Peking Government's Protest.

LIST OF DEMANDS.

"Adequate Punishment Of L4 Commander."

Shanghai, To-day.

The Kuo Min News Agency publishes the text of a lengthy protest forwarded by the Wu-chao-chu (Chinese Foreign Office, Peking) to Sir Miles Lampson, British Minister, on December 22 protesting against the sinking of the "Irene" on October 20, requesting an expression of regret for the violation of China's sovereignty, compensation and indemnity for the persons dead and injured, for the cargo and for the ship lost, also adequate punishment of the commander of the submarine L4 and the surrender of the seven persons detained in Hong Kong for trial.—Reuter.

## TWO AGAINST ONE.

MAN ASSAULTED WITH HAMMERS.

CURIOUS REPORT.

Tung She (26), an unemployed, Chinese of Yaumati, reported to the police at 5 p.m., yesterday that at 11.45 a.m., on Tuesday, he went in the company of a man named Tang Chik-kam, who had promised to find employment for him, to an empty house in Yaumati (street unknown).

In the house they met another man, whose surname is Yeung. After the introduction, they discussed the prospects of Yeung giving the complainant work to do in a new firm which he proposed to open in the house. Suddenly Yeung and the man Tang set upon the complainant, assaulting him, it was alleged, with hammers. He put up a fight as best he could, but was eventually overpowered, when his two assailants relieved him of \$25 which he had in his pocket and then decamped.

## CIGARETTE END.

CAUSES A FIRE IN COCHRANE STREET.

A fire broke out yesterday on the third floor of No. 22, Cochrane Street, occupied by a Chinese medicine dealer named Cheng Fook. The outbreak was supposed to have originated by a carelessly thrown cigarette and smouldering near the chimney. By the time the fire was discovered, a large hole had been burned on the floor, and the alarm was promptly given. The Fire Brigade turned out within a few minutes, but on arrival found that the fire had been extinguished by the inmates of the house. With the exception of the burned floor board little damage was done by the fire, which might have assumed bigger dimensions had it not been discovered early and prompt action taken by the inmates of the house to check it.

## THROWN BY PONY.

UNKNOWN EUROPEAN'S MOUNT.

A report was made to the Police yesterday by Mr. W. J. Kerr, custodian of the Fanning Golf Club, that at about 12.30 p.m., on Tuesday, whilst an European, name unknown, was riding a hunt pony, he was thrown from his mount, but excepting for a shaking did not suffer any injury. The pony bolted, and up to the time the report was made yesterday it has not been found. A subsequent report received at the Central Police Station this morning stated that the pony had since been recovered.

## LADY CLEMENTI.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION THIS MORNING.

Lady Clementi was operated on this morning at the Peak Hospital. The operation was successful.

## HITCH OVERCOME.

Document Allowed To Be Stamped.

CONTRACTOR'S CLAIM.

Mr. Potter's Assurance To Chief Justice.

The Supreme Court case concerning a contractor's claim which His Honour the Chief Justice was compelled to adjourn, since he did yesterday afternoon upon discovering that an agreement had not been stamped, was continued this morning, special leave to rectify the omission being given.

The sum of \$26,187.40 is involved. The claim arose out of a dispute on the building of 15 European-style houses at Yaumati, on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1801. It is between the owner and the building contractor and concerns extra work done in respect of the erection of the houses.

Plaintiffs were the Sang Loong contractors, 14, Man Lam Street, Yaumati, and their claim was against Lai Sui Ching, 10, Wing Lok Street, the landlord, for \$26,187.40, being \$7,000 balance due under a contract dated January 8, 1924, and the remainder, \$19,187.40 was claimed for extra work done.

Defendant denied the debt, stating that the extra work was not required by the contract, and that a portion was not extra work, but was included in the original contract. Defendant counter-claimed for \$8,770.11 as damages for work which was defective or unsatisfactory and the omission of certain work.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. A. E. Hall, was for plaintiff, and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Hastings, Denny and Bowley, was for defendant.

Stamp Costs.

When the court opened this morning Mr. Jenkin said the parties had been able to overcome the difficulty. His side would pay into Court the cost of stamping two agreements, having the third to the other side.

His Lordship: I will then direct these two documents as being in your undertaking to pay \$202. Mr. Potter: And if your Lordship says so, we will pay the \$101 on the other agreement. Your Lordship appreciates, I hope, that neither of us were trying to get documents before the Court without paying for them!

Mr. Potter then continued his cross-examination of plaintiff.

The Contracts.

Opening the case yesterday, Mr. Jenkin referred to the contracts, the main one dated January 3 and the two of supplementary character dated January 5 and 10. Dealing with the first contract, Mr. Jenkin drew attention to the opening paragraph, which stated that the contractor should give satisfaction to the Building Authority, architects and landlord. There was also a paragraph which stated that one-inch thick Canton square tiles should be laid on the roofs with lime, earth, and cement well mixed up for the purpose.

There would be considerable argument over the third contract, because the defence relied upon it in the main. It dealt with the "extras" and provided that terms for extra work or omissions should be written out and signed by the parties before such work became valid. There was also another to the effect that if work or materials were not satisfactory, the owner was at liberty to give that work to another contractor, any expenses so incurred to be deducted from the contract price.

Additional Work.

Work was started on February 8th, 1924, and the Building Authority gave an occupation permit on May 26 in the following year.

From time to time, the defendant required additional work to be done. The first additional items were 80 concrete window shutters at a cost of \$40 each, making a total of \$3,200. The plaintiff supplied a tender for the defendant's signature in respect of this work, but it was not signed. The defendant said it was not necessary to bother with the formality and the plaintiff was satisfied. The work was done.

Other additional work, to the value of \$23,859.80, was done. The defence was that no agreement was signed with regard to the supplementary contract and that there was no liability on the defendant to pay. Mr. Jenkin also submitted that no item

## MURDER AT SEA?

Dead Men Taken From Steamer.

ANOTHER INJURED.

Strange Happenings Abroad "Mukusan Maru."

The Japanese s.s. "Mukusan Maru" arrived in port yesterday flying the emergency flag, and when the police boarded the vessel they found that their attention was required for an alleged murder and attempted suicide on board whilst the ship was on the high seas on the way to Hong Kong.

Two Japanese members of the ship were taken ashore on the police launch. One man, whose name was given as Losaku Yohitani, aged 40, was removed to the hospital suffering from a stab wound alleged to have been self-inflicted.

The other man, who was already dead when the police boarded the ship, was named Kiseburi Hayashi, aged 32, and his body was removed to the Victoria Mortuary. He was alleged to have been murdered whilst the ship was en route to Hong Kong.

It is not yet clear how the two men were concerned with each other. The only thing that is at present known is that one was found obviously killed, whilst the other was discovered with serious injuries, which, it is stated, could only have been self-inflicted. Whether there had been a quarrel between the two, or it was a case of amok is the subject of investigation at present.

## JAPAN BANKING.

REPORT ON DEFAULTING CONCERNS.

DIFFICULT READJUSTMENT.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The year-end report of the Finance Department in connection with the 36 banks which defaulted in April, 1927, states that readjustment has naturally been difficult and only 12 with a total capitalisation of 104,000,000 yen and liabilities of 57,000,000 yen due to 100,000 depositors had reopened. Fifteen banks with a capitalisation of 22,000,000 yen and liabilities 16,000,000 yen due to 183,000 depositors were still closed. One bank with a capitalisation of half a million yen and liabilities of five million yen due to 38,000 depositors had liquidated while the affairs of the remainder with a capital of 147,000,000 yen and liabilities of 511,000,000 yen due to 715,000 depositors were in "process of readjustment."—Reuter.

## TRADE REVIVAL.

MEMBERSHIP OF LONDON CHAMBER.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The London Chamber of Commerce received last year 1,130 applications for membership. The Chamber regards this as "some proof that trade revival is really a fact."—British Wireless Service.

## NEW COMMANDANT.

FOR SHANGHAI VOLUNTEERS' CORPS.

London, Yesterday.

The War Office announces the appointment of Colonel H. B. H. Orpen Palmer to be Commandant of the Shanghai Volunteer Force.—Reuter.

covered by the additional work tenders was covered by the original contract and that they were true "extras" in every sense of the word.

Plaintiff's evidence bore out the above opening. Whilst Mr. Potter was cross-examining plaintiff His Lordship noticed that there was no stamp on one of the contracts. Both counsel admitted they had not observed the omission.

His Lordship said he was afraid that so far as the \$7,000 due as balance under the contract was concerned, the amount could not be accepted. He agreed, however, to adjourn the case, the defendant's permission for application of special leave to rectify the omission being granted. The case is proceeding.







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## CHINA ASSOCIATION.

### SPEECHES AT THE ANNUAL DINNER.

REMARKABLE PARADOX.

Last week we published from the "China Express and Telegraph" the list of those present at the annual dinner of the China Association and the speech of Lord Southborough, the President, who presided. The following concludes the report of the proceeding:—

Viscount Peel said he highly appreciated the honour of being the guest of the China Association and being asked to respond to the toast of His Majesty's Government. Affairs connected with China were, of course, in charge of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and, though as a member of the Cabinet he naturally shared that responsibility, when he thought of the difficulties connected with China he felt perhaps rather glad that his right honourable friend was in charge of that Department. (Laughter.)

And that he (the speaker) was not standing in his place. There was hardly anybody he could think of who was so competent to propose the health of His Majesty's Ministers as Lord Southborough, representing for so many years as he did the permanent element in the Government as opposed to the temporary or floating element of which he (Viscount Peel) was humble representative. It so happened that his Department did have some official connection with China—with properties and leases in the Concessions, and he was informed that the value of these properties and leases was a good deal greater five years ago than it was to-day. Their chairman made a true observation when he said that nowadays the Government had to consider the whole world and that, he thought, was the whole difficulty of Government to-day—that every case, every problem, had got to be considered not only in the light of the special features surrounding it, but in the light of the general situation. The chairman dwelt on the wide responsibilities of the Government and the Cabinet to-day. He (Viscount Peel) had been reading in the newspapers that they thought the Cabinet was rather too large and that its duties could be better performed by a body half the size. If that was so he would be very sorry for the half that was left. He would be very glad to be of the half that was removed. (Laughter.)

He had a very great sympathy with the attitude of Lord Palmerston, but he thought many would feel that the application of Lord Palmerston's methods in furtherance of his policy would be a thousand times more difficult to apply to-day than it was sixty or seventy years ago. Contemplating the situation in China to-day, he was well aware that a great many of their countrymen had suffered great loss, he was conscious that many had been reduced from affluence to poverty; he was confident also that even the wealthiest traders among the Chinese themselves must have suffered great losses. During the last few years there had also been—it was almost commonplace to say it—the results of the war settlement. They had had to cope with an astonishing growth of political self-consciousness. In China an observer like Sir Francis Aglen had seen it growing up before the war, but it had grown enormously since then. That

self-consciousness had grown up throughout the Far East and in India and had not diminished their difficulties. They had another example of it in Russia, whose peculiar people desired to involve the entire world in the revolution of which they themselves had been the victims in their own country. They were people who were suffering themselves from the application of anarchy to the economic structure of their country and they desired to apply that anarchy to all the civilised countries in the world. They had failed, very largely because they had come in contact with far more suitable conditions in the West, and because they had such simple conceptions of the minds and the security of the Western people.

Then there was another fact—the remarkable position of the British business community in China itself. It was a very extraordinary paradox that those very conditions of inferiority with which foreigners were regarded in China and which made them to be segregated in special parts in China had been twisted round and were now interpreted as a sign of Chinese inferiority. What was an insult to the foreigners originally was now an insult to the Chinese themselves. No more curious change had happened than the new aspect of affairs in China. Russia having failed in the West had turned her face to the East and tried to apply some of her peculiar methods in China, concentrating hatred against the British. The great thing about the Russians in that country was that they seemed to attain popularity for a short time and after that people got tired of them, whereas for the British friendship grew in proportion as they were known. That perhaps represented one of the peculiar differences in psychology between these two great nations. He thought they would agree that any British Government would have found great difficulty in dealing with the state of affairs which they had to contend with in China. Other countries, he thought, might have found it even more difficult, judging at least by their actions in dealing with matters in China. It was rather remarkable and unusual to come across precedence in Government, but it was some years since the British Government became fully alive to the changes going on in China, and addressed themselves in the spirit of statesmanship to the matter. It was dealt with at the Washington Conference and in other ways, and a very liberal view was taken of the situation. Difficulties arose, and several years elapsed before the Tariff Conference was sent out to China. But there again great difficulties met the Government, and he was wondering how Lord Palmerston himself, with all his capacity, would have dealt with them.

Almost Impossible Task.

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ever crossed the minds of His Majesty's Government. (Applause.) They recognised that those people were doing a great imperial service by their work, and British Ministers also realised that the reflections on trade and employment in this country were clear and obvious. For many years it had been the tradition that foreign politics should be kept out of the arena of party politics, but he regretted to say that at home that opportunity was seized, and an attempt made to make some petty party capital out of it. The chairman had referred to the Hankow Agreement, and he, Viscount Peel, was bound to say that it would be difficult to argue that that agreement at the present moment had been very successful. (Laughter.) One might hope, however, and he was not blind to the difficulties and the sufferings and losses incurred in Hankow—that it might be in the long run (Cries of "No," and a voice: "In the very long run.") that the determination of the British Government to recognise Nationalism in China might have, when the country settled down, if ever it did settle down, a very useful effect upon those who recognised that it was the British Government, rather than any other Government, who took such an important step. (Cries of "No, no.") Anyway, he fully appreciated the point made by the Chairman, that the Hankow Agreement, running as it did, not being very carefully observed (Laughter), there being some difficulty, he understood, to get the Chinese administrator to do his work—(Laughter)—and some difficulty to find a government where it was, that the experiment should not, until things became more stable, be extended in China. (Hear, hear.) That was the problem with which he was apparently not competent to deal. (A voice: "Obviously.") He should, of course, be very glad indeed to convey to the Secretary for Foreign Affairs that that was the view so strongly expressed (Hear, hear) in that competent and well-informed company. What was the future of China? (Voices: "Ah!") That was what one gentleman had asked him to tell them. There were those present who were far better able to answer that question, but till the time came when they had a stable government in China, he did not think they would ask the British Government to depart from its policy of neutrality towards the different factions in a situation where the Tuchus transferred themselves with peculiar rapidity from one side to the other and the generals with equal facility changed their allegiance. (Applause.) He had spoken for some minutes on China, and perhaps been more daring than he ought to have been, considering his limited knowledge, but their Chairman had also, he thought, asked him to reply to the toast of "His Majesty's Government." If he might pass for a moment from China, he thought the health of His Majesty's Government was exceedingly good. He did not see himself any prospect of sudden change. He knew many of the papers were engaged in prophesying, but after the recent elections he found it impossible to see that there was any great movement of opinion which was condemnatory of the present Government. (Applause.) If he had failed and been able to give a rather inadequate picture of the position in China, he could assure them that the position of the British Government was healthy and improving. (Applause.)

"The Guests."

Mr. L. N. Leefe, Chairman of the Committee, in proposing the "Health of the Guests," said that great as had been the anxieties and cares of those in England controlling the affairs of the Association, they recognised that the burden of those living in China had been a heavier one to bear. The size of the gathering showed how wide was the interest taken in affairs in China, and as their circle of interest grew wider, unanimity of method must of necessity become more difficult to attain. There had been, for instance, ardent adherents in England of the exponents in China of the "Nationalist Party"—their sentiments must now be rather akin to those of the father of the prodigal son before he returned home. (Laughter.) There had been those who were slow to be convinced of the need of sending the Defence Force to Shanghai but there was no doubt that H.M. Government, in augmenting the Forces of the Crown on the China Coast, had brought immense relief to British Residents in China. (Applause.) He welcomed, on behalf of the Association, Lord Stanhope, who, by virtue of his office as Civil Lord of the Admiralty, was so closely associated with the service to which they all owed so much. (Applause.) Sir Edward Hilton Young was closely connected with their affairs, having presided, in the absence of Lord Southborough owing to ill-health, over the meetings of their allied body, the China Committee.

They were always glad to welcome representatives from the Foreign Office and the Colonial Office. He was grateful to learn, from a recent announcement in "The Times," that an agreement had been come to by the Ministers of the Great Powers for the suppression of piracy in South China waters. (Applause.) He noted that the agreement had to be referred to the respective Governments, and trusted that approval would shortly be obtained, for it was on the lines of co-operation with the Great Powers and with those interests in China herself which placed law and order before personal gain that we could best hope to reach the goal to which we were all directed. (Applause.) He welcomed all the visitors that evening, and he coupled with the toast the names of Lord Stanhope and Sir Edward Hilton Young. (Applause.)

The Navy.

Lord Stanhope, in reply, said it was very seldom, in these days, they found sympathy or a good word for the Admiralty and naval services. (Cries of "No.") So many people in these days wrote and spoke as if the Navy was a back number. (Cries of "No, no.") Well, he was glad to find so obvious an opinion expressed by the members of that Association that they preferred the services of the Navy. (Applause.) It might interest them to know how long it took the Navy to be ready when it was needed.

On January 17 orders were sent to Malta for the First Cruiser Squadron to proceed to China, and on January 19, two days later, that squadron of five ships sailed. (Applause.) On January 14 orders were issued that a battalion of Royal Marines should be equipped for service in the Far East and sent to China. Three naval ports, Chatham, Portsmouth and Devonport had each to find one and a third companies, and these were ready to move on January 17, which was a Monday. (Applause.) They arrived at Portsmouth on the 19th, went on board on the 24th, and the first time they set foot on land again was in Shanghai, five weeks later. (Applause.) There they had many duties to perform. They had to guard a front of seven and a half miles on the opposite side of the river, and soon after they began this task the Chinese boatmen went on strike. That, however, did not discourage the Marines. Those who had been trained in motor transport work undertook to run the engines of the motor boats, and the outcome was that the service proceeded to run very much as before. (Applause.) Then, finding that they could be done without, the Chinese came back to work. (Laughter.) Had he (Lord Stanhope) realised that he was to speak he should have drawn two officers of the Naval Marines, whom he happened to meet on his return from Malta quite recently, and asked them more of their experiences. Both were serving in gunboats plying up the Yangtze River, and he realised full well from what they told him what those who were protecting British trade had to go through and the immense anxiety of those who were trying to carry on there, not merely anxiety as to their business but in respect of their lives. He heard details of large numbers of Chinese coming into a Concession all armed to the teeth being stopped by a small body of bluejackets, who ordered them to lay down their arms, and after some talking the Chinese did lay down their arms, which the British collected, and then the Chinese left the Concession. When he said: "But why cannot I get more definite information?" all the Admiralty would say was, "Well, it is a very common occurrence." (Laughter.) Now he had to confess something. Many years ago, when he left the Army, he thought before he went into politics he ought to learn something of the affairs of the Empire, and he went round the world. Among other places he visited was the Far East. He admitted that it must have changed very materially since he was there, but even so he did not think he would describe it as the Chairman did, as their "spiritual home." (Laughter.) He met Sun Yat-sen, and had some talk with him. When he told the late Lord Grey, he got one of the worst tellings off of his life: "Few people," he said, "had the chance to make a country; you have had the chance to make a continent, and you have turned it down." (Laughter and applause.)

China's Arrears.

Sir Edward Hilton Young, also responded to the toast. He said that when he went to Geneva, and met the representatives of China on the Council of the League of Nations, he thought it a good opportunity to suggest payment of China's arrears. Unfortunately his harsh words fell upon susceptible ears, and had no more fortunate effect than to reduce the representative of that nation to a burst of tears. (Laughter.) There were three

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convey. In the first place, that the interests of the British nation and the interests of the Chinese people in the development of their international trade was absolutely one. In the second place, that it was the most profound interest of their own nation that their own Government should concern itself to maintain in China conditions possible for the trade of the British Empire. In the third place that it was an old principle that it took two to make a bargain, and it was useless, under present conditions, to seek to bargain with chaos. (Applause.) On such an occasion as that they could exchange knowledge, and they, the guests, were grateful for the opportunity. (Applause.)

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Mr. P. W. Massey, proposing the toast of "The Chairman," said that much as they recognised the dignity and grace which he brought to that position, it was particularly in his capacity of chairman of the China Committee that he earned their appreciation and admiration. (Applause.) The China Committee was formed to allow of a voice being raised which should speak in the name of all the various activities interested in the China trade, which the China Association with its more personal aspect of membership was hardly competent to represent. The Committee had a difficult task before it, but of all its members it was to the Chairman that fell the most onerous task of all, which was to endeavour to co-ordinate the somewhat divergent views held by different members. Divergent they almost necessarily must be when one considered the many and varied interests represented on the Committee and the obviously different angles from which a merchant shipowner, banker or manufacturer viewed the problem. Lord Southborough was not, until recently—at least had no particular reason to be—intimately interested in Chinese affairs, but he had thrown himself into the breach with such whole-hearted purpose that there was now very little that any of those who have spent their lives trying to understand the complex Chinese situation (and incidentally more often than not failing to do so) could teach him. But beyond that, he had brought to the deliberations of that Committee an insight which he had acquired through many years' experience on Committee and Commissions of the utmost importance to the Empire, and so he was enabled to give a lead to its various members and skilfully and harmoniously guide their deliberations. (Applause.) As he had said, there were many interests represented on that Committee, and it would be farcical to profess that every one thought alike on one of the most intricate and involved problems which the modern world was faced with. He himself was

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NEGLECTANCE OF LAUNCH COXSWMAN.

**JURY'S FINDING.**

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday Mr. W. Schofield and a Coroner's jury concluded the inquiry into the circumstances attending the deaths of six Chinese who were drowned as the result of jumping overboard from a motor launch which caught fire whilst the deceased and others who had a lucky escape from a similar fate were on a picnic off Tai Po on November 27 last.

After the Coroner had addressed the jury at length touching upon the various aspects of the disaster as brought out in evidence during the inquiry, he gave the jury the following eight questions for consideration.

1. Q.—What was the cause of the outbreak of the fire?  
A.—The outbreak was a pure accident.
2. Q.—What degree of blame attaches to the Coxswain in charge of the boat?  
A.—There seems to have been negligence on the part of the coxswain in not remedying the deficiencies of the engine and of failing to prevent the overcrowding of the launch.
3. Q.—Does any blame attach to the rest of the crew? If so, in what respect?  
A.—No blame attaches to the crew.
4. Q.—Do you consider that any blame attaches to the Police officers at Saikung as regards the overcrowding of the launch?  
A.—The police at Saikung are not to be blamed as regards the overcrowding of the launch.
5. Q.—Were sufficient life saving appliances provided, having regard to the fact that only 14 people were supposed to be on the boat?  
A.—In accordance with the regulations stated in the licence, insufficient life saving apparatus was carried on the boat. Four life buoys were carried but these were not sufficient.
6. Q.—What more could have been done to prevent or mitigate the fire?  
A.—More could have been done if the crew had not lost their presence of mind.

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**COURT'S FINDING.**

As a result of the Court of Inquiry held yesterday into the circumstances of the collision between the s.s. "On Lee" and s.s. "Kwong Fook Cheong" last week, Mr. D. Bousfield, chief officer of the former vessel, was found negligent and his master's certificate was suspended for one year.

Commander G. F. Hole presided over the inquiry and the assessors were:—Lt. Comdr. C. B. Elbow, of H.M.S. "Titania"; Captain H. W. Walker, of s.s. "Kwong Tung"; Captain A. Campbell, of s.s. "Sai On"; and Captain J. W. Milne, of s.s. "Kwanchow".

Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton appeared for the master, Capt. I. M. Morren, and owner of the s.s. "Kwong Fook Cheong," and Mr. Leo D'Almeida, formerly master of the "On Lee," The Findings.

The Court found as follows:—We find that about 6 a.m. on December 24, 1927, the s.s. "On Lee" when on a voyage from Wangmoon to Kongmoon overtook the s.s. "Kwong Fook Cheong."

The "On Lee" forged ahead on the port bow of the "Kwong Fook Cheong" and the latter's bows were sucked in towards the "On Lee" causing her Port Bow to come into collision with the starboard side of the "On Lee" and causing slight damage.

We find that the "On Lee" was to blame in that she passed too close (when abeam) to the "Kwong Fook Cheong."

We find that Mr. David Bousfield who was officer of the watch of s.s. "On Lee" at the time was absent from the bridge at the time of the collision without having been properly relieved for which very grave offence we adjudge that his Certificate of Competency as Extra Master be suspended for one year and that a Certificate of Competency as 1st Mate (Foreign Going) be issued to him for that period.

7. Q.—Does any blame attach to the owner of the launch?  
A.—The owner of the launch is not to blame.

8. Q.—Do you wish to make any recommendations for the prevention of any future disaster of this nature?  
A.—We wish to recommend that the Police Department should see that all motor launches at Saikung are supplied with sufficient life-saving apparatus as stated in the licence and that they see in future that motor and other launches are not overcrowded.

The Coroner said that the jury's verdict and recommendations would be forwarded to the proper quarter.

The following composed the jury:—Messrs. A. F. Vas (foreman), H. F. Jason and Y. A. Wahab.

**LAUNCH & JUNK.**

ALLEGATION AGAINST A COXSWMAN.

A collision occurred in the harbour yesterday between a steam launch and a trading junk, resulting in the latter being damaged.

According to the master of trading junk T-4612-H, at about 5 p.m., yesterday, the junk was sailing in the harbour bound for Yaumati Typhoon Shelter with a cargo of bricks on board, when just off the Star ferry wharf a steam launch, painted black with a yellow funnel, backed into the harbour from the Praya wall between the Star ferry and Blake Pier. The master of the junk shouted to the coxswain of the launch to stop, but he did not do so, and ran into the junk, striking her amidships on the port side. Damage was done to the junk to the extent of \$150. The junk master alleges that when he first sighted the launch and called out to it, it was 50 yards away, and he asserts, the collision could easily have been averted had the launch stopped immediately the warning was given.

**MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.**

The M.V. "Viminale" (D. & Co.) sailed from Aden on December 5, and is due here to-day.

The M.V. s.s. "Canton" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Rotterdam on November 22, and is due here to-day.

The B. I. s.s. "Garmula" left Kobe for this port on December 29 at a.m., and is due here to-day.

P. & O. s.s. "Morea" left Shanghai for this port on January 8 at 4 p.m. with the Maile, and is due here to-morrow at about 6 a.m.

The M.V. "Delhi" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Rotterdam on December 5 and is due here on or about January 13.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hong Kong via Japan ports and Shanghai, on December 31, and is due here on January 19.

**CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.**

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Bonary" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after January 10.

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Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Angers" are advised to send in claims to the Agent, before January 12.

**POLISH MARINE.**

A report from Warsaw states that the Voivodship of Silesia has recently been in negotiation with the Polish Ministry of Commerce and Industry in connection with a programme of co-operation in the extension of the Polish commercial fleet. An agreement has now been reached, and according to this Eastern Upper Silesia, as its contribution will purchase two merchant ships of 5,000 tons each. These vessels are to be used for the transport of Polish coal exports. In recognition of this service on the part of Eastern Upper Silesia for the benefit of Polish shipping, Dr. Kvitkowski, Polish Minister of Commerce, has nominated a Silesian representative to sit on the Administrative council of the Polish State Fleet.

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CHICAGO MARU ..... Tuesday, 31st January.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

SEATTLE MARU ..... Tuesday, 24th January.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.

AFRICA MARU (from Shanghai) ..... Monday, 23rd January.

HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAERHOI.

MENADO MARU ..... Tuesday, 17th January, 10 a.m.

TAIKWA MARU ..... Tuesday, 31st January, 10 a.m.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.

HAVANA MARU ..... Friday, 6th January.

JAPAN PORTS

AMAZON MARU ..... Saturday, 14th January.

BINGO MARU ..... Tuesday, 24th January.

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KAIJO MARU ..... Sunday, 8th January, 11 a.m.

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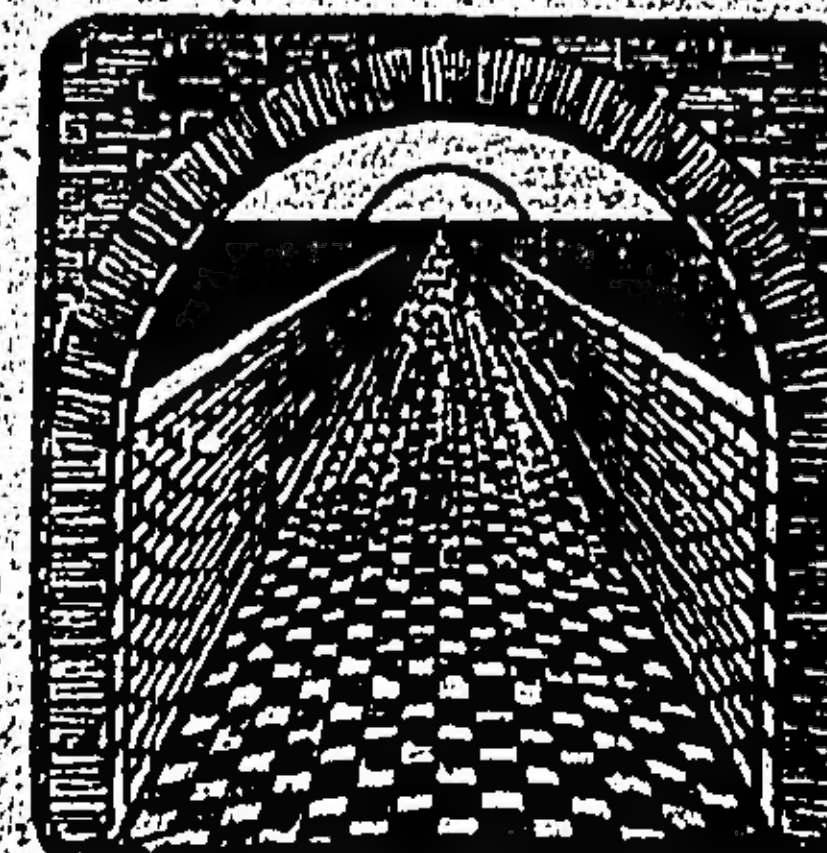
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NELLORE	9,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MACEDONIA	8,553	25th Feb.	Marseilles & London
*KHIVA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
KASHMIR	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KARMALA	8,985	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MANJIA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
*KALYAN	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
MONGOLIA	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MOREA	10,953	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
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			9 a.m.
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BER	9,114	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
VA	9,135	28th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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DA	6,950	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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KHIB	9,144	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
YUAN	9,144	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TUA	10,946	2nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ALBANS	4,600	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ORE	5,252	12th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NGOLIA	16,504	17th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
OREA	10,953	20th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ALWA	9,005	13th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	27th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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S.S. "CITY OF KIMBERLEY"	Via Suez Canal	20th Feb.
S.S. "TYCAON"	Via Suez Canal	9th Mar.
S.S. "CITY OF DURHAM"	Via Suez Canal	23rd Mar.
S.S. "RHESUS"	Via Suez Canal	6th Apr.
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## LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND  
DEPARTURES.

### THIS MORNING'S LIST.

Malwa (5,979) British, from Lon-  
don, Singapore, Mackinnon Mac-  
kenzie—160 passengers, 600 tons  
general cargo for Hong Kong, 400  
tons general (through).  
Huoh (1,205) British, from Hai-  
phong, Hoihow, B. & S.—14 pas-  
sengers, 1,200 tons general cargo  
for Hong Kong, 25 tons general  
(through).  
Antung (2,107) British, from  
Singapore, Amoy, B. & S.—1,100  
tons general cargo for Hong Kong.  
Arafura (3,401) British, from  
Melbourne, Manila, Mackinnon  
Mackenzie—88 passengers, 286 tons  
general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,078  
tons general (through).  
Cheong Shing (1,266) British,  
from Tongku, Shanghai, Jardine's  
—5 passengers, 2 tons general cargo  
for Hong Kong, 200 tons general  
(through).  
Sinking (1,616) British, from  
Canton, B. & S.—160 tons general  
cargo (through).  
Victorious (4,753) American,  
from Port Arthur, Amoy, Admiral  
Oriental—406 tons oil and wax for  
Hong Kong, 15 tons oil and wax  
(through).  
Eldridge (5,482) American, from  
Seattle, Amoy, American Mail—  
300 tons lumber for Hong Kong,  
1,500 tons lumber (through).  
Pres. Jefferson (8,443) American,  
from San Francisco, Shanghai—  
American Mail—410 passengers,  
1,751 tons general cargo for Hong  
Kong, 2,874 tons general (through).  
Linchow (1,418) French, from  
Haiphong, Hoihow, Sling Kee—61  
passengers, 2,600 tons general cargo  
for Hong Kong.  
Andre Lebon (7,375) French,  
from Yokohama, Shanghai, M.M.—  
187 passengers, 17 tons general  
cargo for Hong Kong, 600 tons gen-  
eral (through).  
Van Heutz (2,720) Dutch, from  
Swatow, J.C.J.L.—1,890 pas-  
sengers, 560 tons general cargo  
(through).  
Tjisroea (4,394) Dutch, from  
Batavia, J.C.J.L.—93 passengers,  
2,750 tons general cargo for Hong  
Kong, 4,000 tons general (through).  
Sintang (1,735) Danish, from  
Bangkok, Swatow, Kwong Nguan  
Seng—12 passengers, 891 tons gen-  
eral cargo for Hong Kong.  
Fukui Maru (1,268) Japanese,  
from Swatow, M.B.K.  
Hayana Maru (3,450) Japanese,  
from Osaka, Moji, O.S.K.—560  
tons general cargo for Hong Kong.  
Paling Maru (1,687) Japanese,  
from Canton, N.Y.K.—5 pas-  
sengers, 2 tons general cargo  
(through).  
Shima Maru (1,151) Japanese,  
from Sandakan, Gible—2,010  
tons general cargo for Hong Kong.  
Mexico Maru (2,555) Japanese,  
from Yokohama, Moji, O.S.K.—38  
passengers, 87 tons general cargo  
for Hong Kong, 1,531 tons general  
(through).  
Mikean Maru (1,962) Japanese,  
from Mitsui—3,000 tons  
coal for Hong Kong.  
Tak Hing (105) Chinese, from  
Autau, Fook Ho—65 passengers,  
3 tons general cargo for Hong  
Kong.  
Shiu Hing (114) Chinese, from  
Macao, Hoo Hing—40 tons general  
cargo for Hong Kong.  
Wong Shek Kung (1,044) Chi-  
nese, from Saigon, Kwong Heng  
Hing—12 passengers, 1,700 tons  
rice for Hong Kong.

Departures.  
For Macassar—Tikini.  
For Kobe—Lan Vegas.  
For Macao—Shiu Hing.  
For Canton—Lynn.  
For Swatow—Yu Sang, Menado  
Maru.

For Shanghai—Canton, Emp. of  
Russia.  
For Manila—Pres. Jefferson,  
Eldridge.

For Batu Pahat—Malay Maru.  
For Amoy—Sinking.  
For Moji—Totter Maru.  
For Dairen—Ryuh Maru.  
For Tsingtao—Yei Jun Maru.

Clearances.  
For Singapore—Van Hentz.  
For Swatow—Kwong Man Hing.  
Shipping Abstract.

In  
Arrivals. Departures Port

British 6 4 27  
Japanese 6 5 10  
Chinese 3 1 14  
Danish 2 1 6  
Dutch 2 1 0  
French 2 1 0  
American 3 3 3  
Swedish 0 1 0  
Mexican 0 1 0  
Norwegian 0 0 6  
Panama 0 0 1  
Portuguese 0 0 3

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## PASSENGER LIST.

### ARRIVALS.

Passengers arrived in Hong  
Kong by the P. & O. s.s. "Malwa"  
this morning from England via  
Suez were:—

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, Mr.  
Poynitz, Mr. Dunscombe, Miss A.  
Dyer, Mr. Flattery, Mrs. Potts, Mr.  
Donovan, Mr. Kellett, Miss Grant,  
Mr. and Mrs. Burford, Mr. Sin-  
clair, Mr. F. Smith, Miss Mc-  
Elderry, Miss Haswell, Rev. and  
Mrs. Swann and infant, Mr. and  
Mrs. Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Owens  
and infant, Miss E. Williams, Mr.  
and Mrs. Polson, Mr. V. Haat, Mr.  
Kinross, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Fletcher,  
Mr. and Mrs. Hast, Mr. Whelan,  
Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Mr. G.  
Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Findleson,  
Mr. T. Hughes, Mr. T. Dorrall, Mr.  
and Mrs. Massey, Mr. and Mrs.  
Puddle and child, Mrs. Beaumont,  
Mrs. and Miss Ross, Mr. and Mrs.  
Burdett, Miss Maxwell, Mr. and  
Mrs. Bruce, Mr. Flowers, Mrs.  
Cameron and 2 infants, Miss Park,  
Mr. and Mrs. Jenkin, Mr. and Mrs.  
Morgan, Mr. Allan, Mr. West, Miss  
Morgan, Mrs. Beattie, Mrs. Ridge-  
way, Miss O. Young, Mrs. Mac-  
donald, Mr. O. Payne, Mr. Yate-  
Lee, Mr. Callaghan, Mr. McDonald,  
Mr. Walton, Mr. Moffatt, Miss  
Campbell, Mr. Oram, Mr. Watter-  
son, Mr. and Mrs. Creasy, Mr. and  
Mrs. Waller, Mr. and Mrs. Digby,  
Mr. McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. Mc-  
Elderry, Mr. E. Moore, Miss Hope,  
Miss Murray, Mr. J. Wallace, Mrs.  
Newton and infant, Miss Gubbins,  
Miss Blyth, Miss Thompson, Mr.  
Gregson, Mr. G. King, Miss Ridge,  
Mr. de Courcy, Mr. Huabands, Miss  
Vistantlet, Rev. O. Dolland, Mr.  
Bryson, Mr. and Mrs. Bethell, Mr.  
Parsram, Mr. Patheria, Mr. and  
Mrs. Battiscombe, Mr. Lampard,  
Miss Goldman, Mr. and Mrs. Gild,  
Mrs. Nicols, Mr. Frederickson, Col.  
Follett, Dr. W. King, Mr. Noest,  
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Mr. Chu, Mr. Ning, Mr. Rae, Miss  
Hardshaw, Miss Bates, Mrs. G.  
Havilland, Mr. Purvis, Mr. Vince,  
Mr. Smalley, Miss McKeever, Mrs.  
V. Burden, Mr. and Mrs. Kennaway,  
Mrs. Steptoe.

## NAVAL NEWS.

Twelve hundred Army reservists  
who arrived at the Royal Albert  
Dock, on Nov. 25, by the transport  
"Karmala" from China, included  
men of the Royal Ulster Rifles, the  
Scottish Rifles, the King's Own  
Scottish Borderers, and the Border  
Regiment. There was also a con-  
tingent of the Sherwood Foresters.  
The first of the four new gun-  
boats for service on the Chinese  
rivers, H.M.S. "Tern," was com-  
missioned at Hong Kong on Nov.  
16, and under the command of  
Lieut.-Commander C. C. L. Mac-  
kenzie, late of the cruiser "Dublin,"  
at the Cape, she will relieve the  
old gunboat "Woodcock." Lieut.-  
Commander Douglas Garvey. The  
other gunboats shortly to be com-  
pleted are the "Gannet," "Peterel,"  
and "Seamew." Engineer-Com-  
mander R. J. Brown has been ap-  
pointed as overseer for these gun-  
boats while they are being recon-  
structed at Taikoo Dockyard. The  
hulls and machinery were manu-  
factured on the Clyde by Messrs.  
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East.

The sloop "Cornflower," late of  
the Red Sea Division, which has  
been selected for duty in China and  
has been paid off at Sheerness since  
January, commissioned on Dec. 20  
with the relief crew of the "Iro-  
quois" for passage to Hong Kong.  
She left for her new station on  
Dec. 28.

The successor of Paymaster-  
Lieut.-Commander F. R. J. Mack,  
O.B.E., in the office of the First  
Sea Lord, Admiralty, is Paymaster-  
Lieut.-Commander E. D. T. Gur-  
cher, from the Secretaries' Course,  
and in 1924-26 Secretary to the  
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Optional Cargo will be forward-  
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No claims will be admitted after  
the Goods have left the Godowns,  
and all Goods remaining undelivered  
after the 11th instant, will be  
subject to rent.

All claims against the vessel  
must be presented to the Under-  
signed on or before the 21st instant  
or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged  
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,  
where they will be examined on the  
11th instant, at 10 a.m. by our sur-  
veyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

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## "IRENE" PIRACY ECHO.

According to a Chinese news agency the Chinese Foreign Office in Peking has sent a lengthy protest to the British Minister against the sinking of the s.s. "Irene" on October 22. The "demands" made in the course of that protest are quite formidable—for Peking—including an indemnity and compensation in respect of the dead and injured, the cargo, and the loss of the steamer, besides an apology for the alleged violation of Chinese sovereignty and "adequate punishment" of the Commander of the British submarine L4.

It would be interesting to know what the Peking Foreign Office would have done if it had found itself in the same position as the Commander of L4 when he first spotted the pirates taking the "Irene" into Bias Bay? Knowing the dreadful and notorious reputation of this pirate haunt, would it callously have left the captain of the "Irene," his officers, and his crew to the tender mercies of the pirates? Would it have considered for one moment the ethics of international jurisprudence at sea when the lives of so many Chinese passengers were seriously jeopardised? Would it have given the pirates their own way as they had it on so many previous occasions when Chinese were victimised, tortured, and sent to death? These are not idle questions. They are sensible points in favour of the action taken by the Commander of the British submarine.

It has been quite obvious that the Peking Foreign Office has been incapable for some years of exercising the slightest degree of sovereignty over the waters of the Kwangtung Province. Canton has long been quite a separate Government, paying no obeisance to that of Peking and controlling the affairs of the province in its own way with a Ministry of its own. Peking has been unable to subjugate Canton, much as it undoubtedly would like to, and, therefore, Peking cannot profess to speak for the whole of China when it now alleges a violation of Chinese sovereignty in Kwangtung waters. Had the position been reversed—had the Canton Government, instead of the British submarine, taken similar action against the pirates of the "Irene" what course would the Peking Foreign Office have taken? It could not protest against the violation of the Peking Government's sovereignty when none existed. And to protest now against the action of the L4 it has to prove that it exercises full control as the Government of China over those waters adjacent to Bias Bay. That it is unable to do.

Up to the present the Canton Government has kept a discreet silence in regard to the sinking of the "Irene." Doubtless it is grateful to the British submarine for performing the most brilliant work it did against the pirates of Bias Bay—grateful that Chinese subjects were saved the horrors of falling into the pirates' hands and being taken to their lair, held for ransom, and perhaps put to death. Instead of the Canton Government demanding the "adequate punishment" of the Commander of Submarine L4, it is only reasonable to expect that it will re-echo the many expressions of gratitude for the heavy blow that he gave to the pirates and for saving so many Chinese from a worse death than drowning.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### EARL HAIG'S FUND.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")  
Sir,—I am writing to express my deep appreciation of the generous way in which the whole of the Press have once again co-operated in my Remembrance Day Appeal on behalf of distressed ex-service men and their dependants.  
This year's Appeal has proved an outstanding success, due in a very large measure to the excellence of the publicity which has been given, and with my own grateful thanks for this help, I would like to couple the gratitude of those for whom I appeal.  
Yours, etc.  
F. M. HAIG.  
London, Dec. 6, 1927.

## CHRISTIE CASE.

### DEFENDANT AGAIN GIVES EVIDENCE.

### HOW HE MET INFORMER.

The defence was opened by Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistrate's court yesterday afternoon in the case in which James Christie and Christopher Blum are charged with criminal conspiracy to defraud.

In opening the defence, Mr. Leask said that he would put in evidence from correspondence to show that legitimate oil business in conjunction with a man named Khan Sahib Mali Khan had taken place, and that drugs were never mentioned at any time. In referring to the part played by Haynes and the Chinese Police Reservist, Mr. Leask remarked that he did not like to use the word "plant," but certainly it was a trap by which the accused were arrested.

### Christie's Evidence.

Christie was first called into the witness box, and gave his evidence in the absence of Blum who was removed from the Court. The evidence given by the first accused was in the main similar to that taken by Mr. R. E. Lindsell when Christie and Blum appeared before that Magistrate on a charge under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance of undertaking to procure and supply morphia, on which they were discharged. Mr. Lindsell deciding that there was no genuine offer to supply the drugs, and suggested that the present charge be preferred against the accused.

### Brigadier-General.

New statements made by Christie yesterday was that with the exception of a break during the War when he held the rank of acting Brigadier-General and was decorated with the O.B.E., by the King at Buckingham Palace, he had been thirty years on the China Coast and had followed all sorts of occupations during his life time.

He proceeded to say that during his sojourn in China he had dealings with various Chinese Governments, first the Northern Government, and latterly with the Nationalist Government of South China, with whom he contracted for the supply of all sorts of war materials.

### Meeting With Haynes.

After speaking about his introduction to Haynes in Shanghai by a mutual friend called Knight who referred to Haynes as "Leslie the Liar," Christie proceeded to describe his first meeting with Haynes in the lounge of the King Edward Hotel when Haynes suggested that he (Christie) should meet Kentwell, who was in town.

Christie agreed, but the meeting never came off. Then Haynes asked for his address and visited him at Victoria Gardens. The conversation turned to arms. Haynes was very interested and there were subsequent meetings, during one of which Christie mentioned Blum as an oil man who was in town, and asked Haynes what he could do in the matter of arranging business for him.

Haynes was subsequently introduced to Blum, and he in turn introduced Au Yeung the Chinese Police Reservist as a merchant from Malaya.

Christie denied that morphia or heroine was ever mentioned to Haynes or Au Yeung, and maintained that the deal was about Blum's oil. The \$300,000 which the police found on his person at the time of the arrest was paid for the purpose of covering Blum's expenses to Shanghai to bring down samples of oil which Au Yeung insisted upon.

Arms Contract.  
In the course of his evidence, Christie, referring to the \$100,000 deposit receipt which he had shown to Au Yeung, said that the money was deposited in the Li Tung Bank at Swatow, and made the interesting statement that the deposit was made by one of General Li Chai-sun's Generals against a contract for arms worth \$350,000. The contract, he said, was in safe deposit at the same bank.

Mr. King expressed his surprise that such a raid had been carried out. That was the first time he heard of it or of the name of the gentleman concerned, and remarked that it had really happened, it took place without his knowledge and through a misunderstanding.

No Confirmation.  
Mr. Leask said he would make independent enquiries to clear up the matter. He had been unable to obtain police confirmation, where it should have been forthcoming.

Christie further complained that the Police had seized all his private papers including his cheque book. In cross-examination, by Mr. King, Christie agreed that after the first mention of what he said was oil and the prosecution alleged was morphia, the term "goods" was used throughout the negotiations.

Lost O.B.E.  
With regard to his O.B.E., Christie said that he subsequently lost it as the result of being convicted in an arms case in Shanghai. However, he had not been directly notified about the matter. He heard through his solicitors and saw a newspaper clipping which a friend sent to him.

He said in reply to a question by Mr. King that he did not propose to call witnesses with regard to the arms deal with the Chinese Army, because he was not charged with dealing in arms.

"Always Unreliable."  
With regard to Haynes, Christie said that he believed Haynes was honest in the oil deal, and when he was introduced to him as "The Liar," he thought it was a joke at the time. "But I certainly think now it must be true," he added. Haynes was certainly an unreliable person. He had always been unreliable.

Questioned with regard to his knowledge of Haynes's financial affairs in Shanghai, Christie said that he was not making allegations, but was stating that he knew it as a fact that Haynes always had post dated cheques, and was troubled by these.

Speaking about his meeting with Sergeant Baker in Haynes's room, Christie said he recognised him, and had always known that he was shadowed from the first day he arrived here, but he did not worry because he had nothing to fear, as he had made no secret of his arms deal. Christie added that he had known many police officers during the past 30 years, and had a letter from Captain Baddeley thanking him for saving the life of a Police Officer 27 years ago.

Au Yeung's Lie.  
Asked to explain Au Yeung's evidence against him, Christie suggested that if he could lie once at his office by pretending that he could not speak English, he could lie again.

Regarding the cheque book mentioned by Christie earlier, Mr. King now produced the book and in ticking off various amounts, including one for \$8,740, put it to Christie that certain of these cheques had not been honoured. He (Mr. King) had established this on writing to the Bank at Tientsin. Christie replied that the cheques would not be honoured if not presented, and pointed out that he had been in custody without access to his business affairs for several weeks already. The hearing was adjourned until to-morrow afternoon.

## BRIGHTER OUTLOOK.

[The papers report that a regular school for kidnappers has been discovered at Shanghai.]  
For peace and serenity craving, Full often I've had to deplore The boisterous way of behaving Possessed by the youngsters next door.  
My windows, though bidden to spare them, From breaking in, never refrain, And I am compelled to repair them With infinite pains.  
His habit of shouting and shrieking, Appears even worse than a crime. To one who is busily seeking A neat and ingenious rhyme. But his parents would only reprimand me.  
Were I to complain of his noise, And (rather unhelpfully) tell me That boys will be boys.

But now, in the place of expending My breath in a pointless sigh, I'll seek a revenge by attending This excellent school at Shanghai.  
No more shall he bid me defiance, My course I have carefully mapped, And as soon as I've mastered the science That kid will be napped.  
"T. H." in the "Manchester Guardian."

## ANNUAL REPORTS.

We have received a copy of the annual reports for 1927 issued by the Government.  
These reports have already been referred to in this column, and the compilation in Chinese makes a handy form of reference.

## SHOOTING AFFRAY.

### ALLEGED GUNMAN IN POLICE COURT.

### FOUR CHARGES.

The second of the three men who were taken into custody by the police in connection with the shooting affray in which Sergeant McMahon and other police officers were wounded, two fatally, by a party of four Chinese gunmen early in the morning of December 7, was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate's court yesterday afternoon.

The charges against the accused were: (1) armed robbery, (2) shooting with intent to murder, (3) shooting with intent to resist arrest, and (4) possession of firearms.

The afternoon was occupied with evidence relating to the first charge.

The proprietor of the Mel Sun Cafe was the first witness called. He said that at 1.30 a.m. on the night of December 7, two men entered his restaurant. There were no other customers at the time as it was usual for the restaurant to close before 2 p.m. The two men ordered a breakfast each and, witness added, one cup of wine for the two. Later another two persons entered, and they ordered chicken and rice, but, strangely, this pair also ordered a cup of wine between them.

The two parties sat at different tables and the two men who were the last to enter finished their meal first and proceeded to the counter to pay their bill.

While the four men were having their meal, a fold of the shop had been busy putting up the shutters and closing the street door. As one of the two men who had risen, was about to pay the man behind the counter, the other opened the shutters and looked at the shop entrance. The man who was the last to enter whipped out his revolver and threatened witness as well as the other folk. The two other customers, at about this moment, produced firearms, and other the four robbers, bound and gagged the folks of the restaurant and pushed them into a cubicle at the back of the premises. The keys of the safe was obtained from the witness and altogether a sum of money amounting to \$185 was stolen.

Two waiters from the restaurant corroborated this evidence and one of them identified the prisoner as being one of the first two of the robbers who entered the cafe that night.

## SHOP SIGNS.

### ENGLISH AS SHE IS WRITTEN.

### AMUSING EXAMPLES.

A young missionary now in Shanghai writes:  
"The influence of Great Britain in China is remarkable. For instance, we find English printing on the currency, English printing on the postage stamps, and the common language outside of Chinese is 'pidgin English.'  
"Some of the shop signs are very amusing, for 'the English' is not all that it should be. On a milliner's shop in Szechwan Road is a sign, 'Orders promptly executed, while over a furrier is the sign, 'Fur coats made to order, your skin or ours.' At another milliner's shop is the notice, 'Ladies can have fits upstairs, and in a candy shop we read, 'Try our candy, each piece made with tender care.'  
The Rev. Walter Weston, formerly British Chaplain at Yokohama, adds the following examples:  
"Over a Transport Agency Office: 'Leave your luggage with us, we will send it in every direction.'  
"Over a dressmaker's shop: 'Clothing of woman tailor, ladies furnished in the upper storey.'  
"In a tramcar on a country line near Miyazochi, a sign reads: 'English-speaking travellers! All persons who are lost, intoxicated, or infected are not allowed in here.'  
"It may, perhaps, in this connection be permissible to set off against these two instances of unintentional humour, perpetrated in the streets of a well-known country town in Surrey, which some years ago I noted on a walk between Dorking and Epsom:  
"On the notice-board of a wayside chapel it was announced that 'On Saturday night at 8 p.m. the annual potato-pls. supper will be held.' The subject of the sermon on Sunday morning will be 'A night of horror.'  
"Over a newly-decorated restaurant the alluring notice invited: 'To cyclists and photographers. Try our 1st. Bd. luncheon. Dark room provided for developments.'

Mr. F. M. Smith, who has been with the firm of Dowell & Co. and a resident of this Colony for the last eight years, leaves for England on Saturday by the s.s. "Morona." He has resigned his position with Dowell & Co. and is taking up a post with Messrs. Lucas & Co. in England.



## MR. WU.

## RESIGNATION OF MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

## REPROACHING NATIONALISTS.

Shanghai, Dec. 29.—In a letter to the Nationalist Government dated December 23, Mr. C. C. Wu, resigned his post as the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Wu's resignation, as he himself explained, was prompted by a sense of regret "of his inability to have accomplished anything," since his acceptance of the portfolio. The Central Government, Mr. Wu pointed out, during the past few months, has not been always able "to compel the enforcement of its orders within and without," due to a state of continual internal dissension, whereas "foreign relations are invariably intimately bound up with the state of internal affairs." Under the circumstance, Mr. Wu could find no useful purpose in his continuance in the office.

Pending the Appointment of his successor, by "a new administration which is about to be ushered in," Mr. Wu in the letter also informed the Government that he has instructed Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, to assume temporary charge of the affairs of the Ministry.

The following is a translation of Mr. C. C. Wu's letter of resignation to the Nationalist Government:—

Following the reunification of the Nanking and Hankow groups in the Party and the consequent reorganization of the Nationalist Government, I was instructed to continue to serve as Minister for Foreign Affairs. Unworthy as I am, I felt in duty bound to accept the momentous task entrusted to me in view of the fact that at that time the political situation was just being stabilised and there was an urgent call for my services. Since the establishment of the Government, however, the political situation, especially as regards the Central Government, has been continually in an unsettled state, so much so that the realisation of various plans in connection with foreign relations has become impossible. I need scarcely point out that foreign relations are intimately wound up with the state of internal affairs. Where internal dissensions exist, diplomatic success is impossible. It is within easy recollection that soon after the Nationalist Armies captured Wuhan, we succeeded in securing the retrocession of the Hankow and Kluikang Concessions, and our renewed strength at that time compelled the attention of the whole world. However, when the Nanking and Hankow regimes were set against each other and the party split was in clear evidence, the efforts of both regimes in connection with diplomatic affairs came to a practical standstill. Past facts testify conclusively to the truth of my statement.

Labouring as I have done under difficulties when the Central Government cannot always compel the enforcement of its orders within and without, I feel that, while I ought not to evade responsibility, no useful purpose can be served by my continuance in office, and I regret my inability to have accomplished anything during the past few months. As a new administration is about to be ushered in, I deem this an opportune moment for me to tender my resignation. I request, therefore, that I may be relieved of my various offices in order that the present administration be wound up and a new regime be inaugurated.

I am permitted to express a sincere hope, as better days are approaching, for the early stabilisation of the political situation and renovation of party and political affairs. Particularly, I hope that whatever obstacles have stood in the way of the conduct of foreign relations will be forthwith removed, so as to facilitate the task of the foreign minister and enable him to devote his undivided attention to his proper duties. Only under these circumstances can the diplomatic programme of Dr. Sun be realised in the near future.

I shall proceed to Shanghai on the presentation of this dispatch. Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, has been instructed by me to assume temporary charge of the affairs of the Ministry.

Nanking, 28th Dec., 1927.

(Signed) CHAO-CHU WU.

## Sun Fo's Resignation.

The petition for the acceptance of resignation of his post as the Minister of Finance of the Nationalist Government on December 27, by Mr. Sun Fo. In the petition, Mr. Sun set forth at length the reasons compelling him to resign, of which the following is a resume. After having reviewed the circumstances leading to his acceptance of the Finance portfolio on October 1, Mr. Sun gave the recalcitrant attitude of Anhui and Chekiang particularly as the dominant reasons for his resignation. He declared that

## BIAS BAY.

## AN EXCELLENT SCHEME MISCARRIES.

## A HOME VIEW.

London, Dec. 31.—Hong Kong papers reaching here by last mail report that the Canton authorities had given orders for the Bias Bay pirates to be "smoked out." Unfortunately, a change of Government has taken place in Kwangtung, and it is just possible that a very excellent scheme, which has been carried out with commendable success, has been miscarried. However, as an indication of the attitude of the new Government, it is interesting to note that one section of South China politicians is prepared to do its duty in this connection if given a chance the news is good. Whether the pirates would wait to be "smoked out" is another matter.

We ("China Express & Telegraph") recall a smoking out affair of twenty odd years ago. A notorious gang conducted their nefarious operations from the island of Colowan, near Macao, and became so daring that they actually raided one of the schools in the Portuguese colony and carried off many of the children (all Chinese), whom they held for ransom. There was some sort of dispute about the ownership of the island, but the Portuguese finally surrounded and bombarded it, the Chinese gunboats looking on. There being no sign of life, let alone surrender, the Portuguese at the close of the third day landed under cover of darkness, and blocking up the mouth of a cave with straw, set fire to it. Much to their astonishment the smoke emerged from numerous other caves and revealed an underground warren of great dimensions, in which were found, not the pirates—they had escaped by swimming to the mainland in the darkness—but a wonderful storehouse of stolen property and provisions, a number of inarticulate old people, and nearly all the missing children. Half-dead, the emancipated captives were restored to health in the hospitals of Macao and, happy to relate, nothing more was heard of the pirates of Colowan.

It is not unlikely that the Bias Bay gang has similar hiding places. The nature of the new plan for dealing with them has now become known. The proposal is that the British, American, Japanese, French and Italian Ministers should strongly address the various authorities in China, inviting them to take measures to suppress the Bias Bay pirates and to prevent any further piracy. If the various Chinese authorities either refuse the powers request or fail to suppress the pirates, it is proposed to constitute a five-Power naval patrol to watch the approaches to Bias Bay and to prevent any pirated vessels from being piloted into the notorious lairs. The job will not be complete, however, without a "smoking out" expedition, and the Chinese authorities know it.

financial independence on the part of the above-mentioned two provinces not only made Mr. Sun's scheme of financial unification impossible, but actually hampered the practical task of meeting the budget.

In the case of Anhui, the Director of the Opium Suppression Bureau and the Director of the Kollid Tobacco Tax Bureau, appointed by Mr. Sun's Ministry were prevented from taking up their posts by the illegal intervention of the military authorities of the provinces. Furthermore, Anhui established its own special Kerosene Tax Bureau, in contravention to the one created by the Central Government, so that the officials appointed by the Ministry, could not properly function under this anomalous condition.

The Recalcitrant Provinces, "yet," said Mr. Sun Fo, we could understand this of Anhui, because Anhui has always been placed under military rule; but in the case of Chekiang, which advised itself to be under strictly civil rule, under the sponsorship of a group of scholars, the situation is more difficult to explain. The reclamation of waste land, for instance, is a function always reserved for the Central Government. But Chekiang expressly telegraphed the Government not to send any official for that purpose. The regulation governing the Examination of Deeds, promulgated by the Central Government, was objected to, by the Chekiang authority, as conflicting with the regulations drafted by the provincial government. The establishment of the Chekiang Opium Monopoly Bureau, in the face of the Central Government's general scheme for the suppression of opium, and without the permission of the Ministry, is again an open and flagrant violation of the order of the Government. Finally, Chekiang refused even to pay over to the Central Government the monthly sum of \$500,000, on the ground that the Government still owes Chekiang Province \$70,000,000 as military funds advanced.

(Continued on Next Column.)

## MODERN GULLIVER.

## AN ANCIENT TALE WITH NEW IDEAS.

## ADVANCED SCIENCE.

I have just returned from Lilliput. Since Gulliver's day it has developed enormously. In fact, one might almost say it has reached its millennium, for the miniature Lilliputians, down with the miniature lamb, and water (h. and c.) has been laid on to all the houses.

Unfortunately you can only reach it at this time of the year, a few weeks before Christmas, but the journey is not so fatiguing, or so risky, as it used to be. Part of it you will find in High Holborn, and from there it is an easy stretch to Oxford Street, and so on to Queen's Road, Bayswater, and Kensington High Street, narrates a special representative in the "Morning Post."

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The Gamage-Lilliputians know how to amuse themselves. "Away with your highbrow delights," they say, "we want the circus." And they get it; a circus with two full-sized human clowns and a lady in pink and a black bull with wobbly knees, all in a room about the size of your own dining-room.

Go next to the Selfridge-Lilliputians. Theirs is a country high above the clouds (of Oxford Street), up to which you rush at one swoop in an express lift. They are a sporting folk, particularly fond of motorizing and motor racing. They have most of the latest models, some of them only sixteen or twenty inches long, with balloon tyres and spare wheels, and everything that the cars of so up-to-date a people ought to have.

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The Whiteley-Lilliputians are, perhaps, the most up-to-date of all, for they have introduced a new form of miniature greyhound racing, with mechanical dogs. They are especially fond of animals, delighting to wander in a magic forest where fierce-looking but perfectly well-intentioned beast give them delicious thrills by springing out at unexpected places.

Miniature Circus. If you have not had enough of Lilliputians by this time, try those of the Barker country. They are the most frivolous of all. Their circus is a jumble of clowns and performing elephants, dogs, seals, lions, geese, horses, and lions, all jumping and swinging and balancing and being funny at the same time. Their children, too, are very unusual, having lost that doll-like expression they used to have, and assumed, most of them, a coy, rather naughty air. They no longer believe in sailing, but travel about the waters of Lilliput in fast motor launches with knife-edged bows.

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## CINEMA NOTES.

## "BEAU GESTE" AT QUEEN'S THEATRE.

## FINAL SCREENINGS TO-DAY.

Major Wren's famous story of the French Foreign Legion, "Beau Geste," will be screened at the Queen's Theatre for the last time this evening. Ronald Colman, Alice Joyce, Noah Beery, Mary Brian, Nell Hamilton, William Powell, Norman Trevor, Victor McLaglen and Ralph Forbes are the principal players. "Beau Geste" is a mystery story of the Foreign Legion in the deserts of Africa. It tells of three young Englishmen who disappear from their parents' home, and from there it is an easy stretch to Oxford Street, and so on to Queen's Road, Bayswater, and Kensington High Street, narrates a special representative in the "Morning Post."

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## Shadows Before.

## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Beau Geste."  
To-day—World Theatre: "The Eagle."  
To-day—Star Theatre: "The Show-Off."  
January 6-7—Queen's Theatre: "Kid Boots."  
January 8—Star Theatre: The Globe Trotters in "Happy Moments."  
January 12—Helena May Institute Concert, 5.30 p.m.

Sports:  
January 7—Third Tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Association, Lee Theatre, 9.15 p.m.  
January 8—K.Y.D.C. Monthly spoon shoot at Peak Range, 9.30 p.m.  
January 13—Annual Billiard Championship of St. Peter's Y.M. Club.  
January 21—China New Year meeting (Fanning Hunt), Kwantl Race Course.

Lammer's Auction.  
January 6—At Sales Room, a nice selection of new Peking Rugs, carpets, and fine Foochow lacquer ware, 2.30 p.m.  
January 10—At Sales Room, Duddell Street, a valuable collection of curios, 2.30 p.m.

Meetings.  
January 7—Meeting of Creditors of the Prince's Bldg. & Land Co., Ltd., 9 Des Vaux Road Central, noon.

January 9—General meeting of shareholders, Messrs. Lane, Crawford Ltd., noon.  
January 13—Annual meeting of St. David's Society, Prince's Building, 5.30 p.m.  
January 27—Annual meeting of St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, 8.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.  
January 9—Re-opening of Central British School.  
January 9—St. Peter's C.Y.M. Club's lecture, by Mr. J. D. Bush, on "The Spirit of America," 8.30 p.m.

January 10—St. Peter's C.Y.M. Club dance in Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8.45 p.m.  
January 13—H.E. The Governor distributes prizes at Queen's College.

January 16—Debate in St. Peter's Y.M. Club House, 8.30 p.m.  
January 22—Opening date of Photographic & Art Exhibition at Macao.

"THE SHOW-OFF."  
The plot of "The Show-Off" the new picture at the Star Theatre to-day, is a simple, straightforward affair, dealing with an average family and developing the sort of comic, pathetic and dramatic incidents that people experience in real life. Interest in the story centres about a conceited, boastful railroad clerk, who stirs up considerable trouble for himself and his wife's family with his lies and unlimited nerve. However, just when financial ruin stares the family in the face, he turns around and puts over a big deal that brings them all many thousands of dollars. The story gains in the telling by the sincere, spontaneous acting of the cast. Ford Sterling is the bragging clerk, Lois Wilson, Louise Brooks and Gregory Kelly acquit themselves with distinction. "The Show-Off" will be screened until Saturday.

SHIP MORTGAGE BANK.

The long-projected ship mortgage bank was constituted in Oslo on November 18, under the title of Norges Skibhypotek, A.S., at a meeting held under the chairmanship of Mr. H. M. Wrangell, the newly-elected president of Norway's Shipowners' Association. The initial capital has been fixed at 4,180,000 kr., divided into 41,800 shares of 100 kr. each, and obligations for a similar amount will also be issued.

The occasion for the constitution of the bank dates back to a decision of the Shipowners' Association at the end of 1925, resolving that the balance of the war-time insurance fund should be divided among the interested shipowners with certain modifications, to the extent of one-half in the form of shares in a ship mortgage bank up to a maximum of 10,000,000 kroner, and in obligations to be issued by the bank. The decision also provided for the share capital being increased to 10,000,000 according as the funds of the war-time insurance institution became available for such purpose, and for the issue of obligations. The shares will bear interest at the maximum rate of 5 per cent. cumulative, and any surplus profits will be supplied to objects of interest to shipowners as may be determined at a general meeting of the Shipowners' Association. As was recently mentioned, the seat of the bank is to be Fana, Bergen.

"KID BOOTS" TO-MORROW.  
The new picture at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow, according to a special advertisement in this issue, is "Kid Boots," a big comedy hit that must not be confused with Harold Lloyd's "The Kid Brother." Eddie Cantor, famous as a stage comedian, plays the leading role in "Kid Boots," and he has the support of an able company led by Clara Bow, Billie Dove, and Lawrence Gray. New York's pictureque east side, where second-hand stores reign supreme and keen competition develops strange methods, offers wide scope for the opening scenes. Cantor, as a shop assistant, finds himself up to his neck in difficulties. Through a rapid sequence of riotously funny situations, he is thrust into an exclusive golf club as a caddy—and he has never even seen a golf ball! His predicament becomes more involved with the entrance of Clara and her villainous would-be lover. Further colour is lent by the conflicting loves of the Lawrence Gray and Billie Dove. The picture ends with a highly amusing "thrill."

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December 4.—Tegucigalpa (Hon-  
duras). Lindbergh arrived and  
will proceed to Nicaragua on an  
aerial mission of "goodwill."

Mr. J. D. Bush read a paper at  
yesterday's meeting of the Hong  
Kong Nationalist Association on  
"Reconstruction in Modern Ethics."

Moscow, January 4.—An ex-  
change of political prisoners has  
been effected at the frontier town  
of Kolosovo involving 29 Poles  
and 9 Russians.

The Chinese Telegraph Admin-  
istration announces that its cable  
to Chefoo has been repaired and  
that telegrams to North China are  
subject to normal delay only.

The late Mr. Samuel Scrutton  
Roberts (52), of Cranford, Russell  
Road, Clacton-on-Sea, late of  
Messrs. Butterfield and Swire,  
Shanghai, left \$8,846 (net person-  
alty \$8,684).

A general meeting of the share-  
holders in Messrs. Lane, Crawford,  
Ltd., has been called for Monday,  
January 9, at 12 noon to consider  
a proposal for the reduction of the  
capital of the Company.



Admiral H. A. Wiley, who was  
chosen to succeed Admiral Hughes  
as head of the U. S. Navy. He as-  
sumed the role of commander-in-  
chief of the U. S. Fleet aboard the  
flagship "Texas."

Capt. P. Thomson has been  
nominated by the Straits Merchant  
Service Guild to be an unofficial  
member of the committee of the  
Singapore Sailors' Institute, vice  
Captain W. H. Paddle.

The King received in audience at  
Buckingham Palace, on November  
25, Viscount Gort, V.C., Colonel of  
the Grenadier Guards, who went  
out with the Expeditionary Force to  
China, and who recently returned home.

A Chinese chauffeur acted as a  
Good Samaritan in Shanghai when  
he visited the French police station  
and turned over to them a small  
Chinese boy who had got out of his  
parents' sight and could not find his  
way home.

Six Chinese cases of enteric were  
reported last week, but of these  
two were imported. Two cases  
proved fatal. There were also two  
fatal cases of diphtheria, and two  
of cerebro spinal fever, also fatal.  
A fatality from puerperal fever and  
one from influenza were notified.

The Rev. Alfred Swann, M.A.,  
D.S.O., the former Vicar of Liver-  
pool, who has been appointed  
Dean of Hong Kong Cathedral and  
Archdeacon for English work in  
the Diocese of Victoria, Hong  
Kong, is due to arrive with Mrs.  
Swann and their two children on  
the P. & O. s.s. "Malwa" to-day  
from Home.

The following forthcoming wed-  
dings are announced:—Lieutenant  
Mario Ribeiro da Costa Zanatti, of  
the Portuguese gunboat "Patria,"  
to Miss Cecilia Nolasco da Silva,  
residing at "Shorncliffe," No. 7,  
Garden Road, Hong Kong. Sergt.  
William Forrest Dudson, of the  
R.A.F., stationed at Cameron Road,  
Kowloon, to Miss Italia Monteiro,  
a nurse, residing at No. 270,  
Stewart Terrace, Hong Kong.

At the China Auction Rooms  
yesterday afternoon, Mr. E. V.  
M. R. de Sousa sold, by order of  
the first mortgagee, a leasehold  
property situated at Mongkoktsui,  
Kowloon, and registered as the re-  
maining portion of Kowloon Inland  
Lot No. 950, together with the  
buildings on it known as No. 414,  
Reclamation Street. Mr. Wong  
Lai-kwan became the purchaser for  
\$6,000.

Dr. Sidney K. Wei has arrived in  
London to complete his study of the  
European educational system on  
behalf of the Chinese Government.  
He first attended the second biennial  
conference of the World  
Federation of Educational Systems  
in Toronto, and then visited the  
Eastern States of America before  
coming to Europe. A native of  
Canton, he took his doctor's de-  
gree in philosophy in the University  
of Chicago.

Dr. T. C. Louie has been seconded  
for service under the Government  
of Kelantan.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Tave, after a  
holiday in Europe, left England for  
the Straits on December 13.

Mr. F. G. Bourne, Coroner for  
Singapore, has booked his passage  
from home by the "Devanha."

Admiral Yang Shu-chwang,  
Commander-in-Chief of the Na-  
tionalist Naval forces, returned to  
Shanghai from Nanking.

Mr. Wong Pei-chun, Minister of  
Communications, and Dr. C. C. Wu,  
Minister of Foreign Affairs in the  
Nationalist Government, has left  
Shanghai for Nanking.

Arrangements are being made to  
give a ten-weeks' season of inter-  
national grand opera, beginning in  
May 1928, at the Royal Opera  
House, Covent Garden. The best  
available international artists will  
be engaged, including many of  
those who have appeared during  
previous seasons.

The Holena May is giving a  
Concert on Thursday, January 12,  
at 5.30 p.m. The programme will  
consist of Liza Lehmann's Non-  
sense songs from "Alice in Won-  
derland" and songs from Shake-  
speare. Tickets to be booked at  
the Secretary's office. Tens may  
be had from 4 p.m. onwards.—Adv.

The remains of an old motor car  
which have been lying on Avenue  
Edward VIII, Shanghai, since May  
last were ordered by the Provisional  
Court to be confiscated. The ap-  
plication was made by Inspector  
Mills who stated that what was left  
of the car was "of no use except for  
old iron." Inquiries had been  
made at all garages, but no claim-  
ant to the relic could be found.

The sudden interruption of a  
lecture tour which Ronald Amund-  
sen, the Polar explorer, has been  
making in America is still a mys-  
tery. The tour was abruptly  
terminated, and the explorer sailed  
for home. Amundsen stated that  
under no conditions would he ever  
go back to America to lecture.  
Amundsen will probably make a  
similar tour in South America.

Investigation has established that  
the silverware seized by Customs  
officials in Riga is not the property  
of the British Embassy in Petro-  
grad. All the silverware, which  
was sold by auction in Moscow by  
the Communist Child's Welfare  
Committee and exported by M.  
Kerlin, a Riga merchant, was the  
property of Prince Yousouff, which  
was confiscated by the Communists.  
Prince Yousouff's coat-of-arms  
was mistaken for the British.

Mr. Frank Hodges, formerly  
secretary of the British Miners'  
Federation, who is lecturing in De-  
mark, said in an interview that ten  
years from now no more coal would  
be used. Its place would be taken  
by oil. When dealing with the  
labour situation in England, he  
said that the day of big strikes was  
over. Workers now realised the  
importance of industrial co-operation,  
which would serve their in-  
terests better than idle phrases.

The retirement, says the "N.C.  
Daily News" of December 31, be-  
ginning to-morrow, of Mr. T. A.  
("Papa") Clark as manager and  
secretary of the Yangtze Insur-  
ance Association, Ltd., is an an-  
nouncement which will be heard  
with considerable interest by the  
many friends Mr. Clark has in  
Shanghai. Apart from his numer-  
ous business affiliations which have  
made him a well-known character  
locally, Mr. Clark possesses a per-  
sonality which, without exaggera-  
tion, has made him during his 33  
years of residence here, one of the  
best known and liked men in  
Shanghai.

Four portable greyhound racing  
tracks will be touring England  
early in the New Year. This latest  
innovation in greyhound racing is  
being run by two companies,  
whose combined capital is £20,000.  
Mr. Fred Karno is general man-  
ager of one, and Mr. Victor Sher-  
idan is managing director of the  
other. Complete with electric  
haze, fifty to one hundred dogs,  
and track, the outfits will tour  
the country, stopping at towns of  
50,000 people or more. The track  
is flexible, being made up of sec-  
tions fitting together, and can be  
erected in a few hours. The  
motors with the outfit will generate  
the electricity, and the hare will be  
capable of 45 to 50 miles an hour.  
Local dogs will be encouraged to  
take part in the meetings.

The Robert Dollar Co. were com-  
plainants in the Provisional Court  
in the case of a coolie charged  
with stealing a blanket, valued at  
\$10, from the s.s. "President Jack-  
son." A representative of the  
company stated that there had  
been a gang of thieves operating  
on the President boats, and every  
time a vessel arrived in Shanghai,  
they would steal the baggage and  
effects of the passengers or the  
crew. Accused said that he found  
the blanket thrown in a corner and,  
as he thought that nobody would  
find it, he picked it up and was  
about to take it away when he was  
arrested. A watchman stated that  
he found the blanket under ac-  
cused's coat. Judge Ling, with  
whom sat Mr. Van der Berg, an  
American Consul, Deputy, de-  
fenced accused to three months'  
imprisonment.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—A hysterical  
officer's widow to-day stabbed and  
wounded the 65-year old Socialist  
Mayor of Toulons, France.

The Rance of Sarawak and Miss  
Elizabeth Brooke left 62, Portland  
Place on November 24 for Kuching,  
Sarawak. They will be away until  
April.

Paris, January 4.—The death, is  
announced of M. Fernand Berteaux,  
a high official of the Foreign Min-  
istry, who had extensive diploma-  
tic service in China.

The Rance of Sarawak and her  
daughter, Miss Elizabeth Brooke,  
are arriving in Singapore from  
home on the P. & O. steamer  
"Devanha" en route to Sarawak.

The annual meeting of the Hong  
Kong St. David's Society will be  
held on Friday, January 13 at Mr.  
D. J. Lewis' office, Messrs. John-  
son, Stokes and Master, at 6.30  
p.m.

Passengers due to-day on the P.  
& O. s.s. "Malwa" from Home in-  
clude:—Mr. and Mrs. S. B. B.  
McElderry, Sir Henry and Lady  
Pollock, the Right Rev. Bishop of  
Victoria and Mrs. Duppuy.



Thomas J. Walsh, Senator from  
Montana, who is mentioned as an  
acceptable dry candidate for the  
Democratic presidential nomination.

The forthcoming wedding is an-  
nounced of Mr. Richard Hope Chap-  
pell, of the Hong Kong and Shang-  
hai Bank, Hong Kong, to Miss  
Margaret Edith Macgregor, of  
Glanweny, Bridgend, Glamorgan-  
shire.

A Christmas present in the form  
of \$14,642 was presented to Mme.  
Nungesser, the mother of the mis-  
sing French aviator, and Mme. Coli,  
the wife of his companion. The  
money, which was known as the  
Nungesser-Coli Fund, was collected  
in Paris and New York by a num-  
ber of prominent American citizens.

Communist influence among the  
districts of Kiangsu is still being  
discovered. A Kuo Wen agency  
report from Kiangyin states that  
troops have been despatched to  
nearby villages for the suppression  
of Communist activities which re-  
cently resulted in the burning down  
of many houses and the death of  
several villagers.

The Regent of Cheriton, Raden  
Mas Adipati Ariadinoto, Officer in  
the Order of Orange Nassau and  
Knight of the Netherlands Lion,  
died in Tjikini Hospital. He was a  
member of the People's Council and  
was taken ill during a sitting. He  
had been 40 years in the service of  
the Government, 20 years of which  
were spent as Regent of Cheriton.  
The funeral took place at Cheriton.

Sir Denison Ross has been attend-  
ing in Brussels the meetings of the  
recently created International In-  
stitute of Africa Languages and  
Cultures, which Sir Frederick  
Lugard, a former Governor of  
Hong Kong, is the president. This  
Institute is occupied in collecting,  
tabulating, and making available  
for the public information concern-  
ing African folk lore, languages,  
history, and education.

The French authorities have de-  
cided to confer the Municipal gold  
medal on Mr. Paul Se, who has  
been a teacher at the Franco-  
Chinese Municipal school for 29  
years. Mr. Se was a pupil at the  
school and when he graduated in  
1899 he took up the post of teacher  
which he has held ever since with  
great distinction. The decoration  
will be conferred on him at the  
prize distribution to be held at the  
school on January 14.

Passengers leaving on the  
R.M.S. "Empress of Russia"  
yesterday for Shanghai, included:  
—Mr. R. J. Paterson, of Messrs.  
Jardine, Matheson & Company;  
Mr. A. M. Parker, Passenger Agent  
for the C.P.S. at Shanghai; Mr.  
and Mrs. T. H. R. Shaw (Mr.  
Shaw is with Messrs. Butterfield  
and Swire at Shanghai); Mr. J. H.  
Zachhouse, Mrs. J. H. Zache, wife  
of the Manager of the Vacuum Oil  
Co., Hong Kong; and Mr. J. Oram  
Sheppard, with the C.P.R. at  
Shanghai.

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General Li Chai-sum has returned from Shanghai to the  
Kwangtung capital and resumed control of the Kwangsi faction,  
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departed after driving the Communists away. Chinese  
observers and correspondents, in the "Overland," suggest that  
a period of calm lies before the city, always provided that  
interference does not materialise from the Nanking leaders.

In the north there is a lull. No fighting has been reported  
during the past few days, and it is stated that Shanxi has put  
peace offerings before Peking.

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## THE WORLD OF BOOKS

## "MAIL" REVIEWS.

## WORLD CHUNKS OF THE ROCKIES.

"The Whispering Outlaw," by George Owen Baxter (Hodder and Stoughton).  
 "La Rue of the Eighty Eight," by Gordon Young (Hodder and Stoughton).

"No really good story has a new plot, sir," Mr. George Owen Baxter lays this flattering unction to his soul on page 304 of "The Whispering Outlaw," and should any other reader reach that page he will probably agree with us that it is equally true of at least one really poor story. Until Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton shattered our illusions by publishing this tale and "La Rue of the Eighty Eight" by Mr. Gordon Young, we had deemed it incredible that it could pay, still to offer the world chunks of the Rockies, a brew of the wild and woolly West. Dilute Zane Grey with a little Gene Stratton Porter and flavour with Bronco Bill and you will produce imaginatively what it took these two writers over 300 pages each to fabricate.

Of course if you like that kind of thing you will buy these books, but a dollar invested at the cinema will prove less extravagant and no less satisfying.

"In The Dark," by Sydney Horley (Hodder and Stoughton).

It must have been strictly in recognition of the law of supply and demand that Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton published "In the dark" by Mr. Sydney Horley—a detective yarn remarkable only for the crudity of its ingenuities and the optimism of its title.

"An idea, so bizarre as to be credible in only the most sensational novel, came to me: what man in London was in a better position to become a blackmailer on a high plane than a Deputy Commissioner of Scotland Yard?" thus Bunny Chipstead, a free lance of the American Secret Service, who is chiefly responsible for the startling identification of the man who terrorized the whole Government. Bunny was sure, sick, but was heavily handicapped in the race with his creator, who introduces a thousand thrilling incidents and a crowd of dull characters, not to speak of a love motive, to take the edge off his wit for 299 pages. Yet I am sure that this book will sell and so will publishers, author and public work together to their justification and mine own despair.

—T.

## BOOKS IN BRIEF.

## "UNDER THE SKIN."

"This inhuman monster had been responsible for the deaths of five human beings, besides two Chinamen," said a Riverina newspaper in recording the death of the bush-ranger, Daniel Morgan. Mr. J. C. Keyte's Chinese are very human. His Chinese heroine is a singularly attractive figure, and for a moment one is almost afraid that he will make her marry the English hero. There is good, sound psychology even in the description of the bandit Black Wolf. Grippled by a torturing disease, he finds a certain relief in making others suffer. Moreover, like many another outlaw and pirate, he had found that it paid to have a reputation for fiendish cruelty. The book is a good bit of work.

("A Daughter of Cathay," by J. C. Keyte; Alston Rivers).

With the Duke.

Mr. Taylor Darbyshire's story of the tour of the Duke and Duchess of York is what it purports to be, a sound, journalistic record of the trip from London across the world, and back to London again. It is a report, correct, and undisturbed by any touch of imagination. Mr. Darbyshire has, with John Massfield, "seen strange lands under the arching white sails of ships," and has told us that "the Spillway, which is made of con-

## FINE STORIES.

## W. L. GEORGE'S GRUDGE.

Among the best works of the late W. L. George were a number of short stories published at times in the Home and American magazines, and there, as a rule, lost, so far as any chance of survival was concerned. Some of these have been republished in book form, and all the qualities of observation and analysis which made this writer interesting will be found condensed in these tales. Had the author possessed a real, genial humour, instead of the ironic, bitter insistence on life's facts which stood in humour's place in his mind these stories would have been very perfect examples of the art of short-story writing. Lacking humour they seem a little unbalanced at times. Nevertheless, such a picture as that of old Elizabeth comforting her starved instincts with the handling of a doll; or Violet, tired of the incessant monotony of the hospital, discovering that the life of a rich man's mistress is still more monotonous, are things to be remembered, and the story of the three kisses, with its ironic futility, is as fine a thing as has been written in such a compass by any recent English writer.

W. L. George, indeed, just failed to become a great writer—some perverse enmity with the world soured the "genial current of his soul"; he always reveals himself in his work as a man with a grievance, sneering at the wrongness of things and letting the world go to the devil if it wants to do so. A bigger writer would have shown more sympathy, even more reforming zeal—certainly more optimism. But, in his vein, W. L. George was a very fine writer indeed, and this volume should be a welcome addition to the bookshelves of the man who is particular about what finds a resting place in his library.

The Selected Short Stories of W. L. George; London, Chapman and Hall.

crete and has 14 steel gates, is 808 feet across."

He gives us entries and de-partures, and the folk the Duke met, and the crowds, and the cheers and the ceremonial with the correct remarks about the links of Empire and the destinies of the Dominions, but it is strange that in such a large book there is not one really original or vital, or personal piece of observation.

If, however, we are a little disappointed at the entire "correctness" of the book it may be as well to remember that the English people, who know nothing of Australia, and to whom Canberra is but a name, will obtain at all events some idea of the significance of the voyage to Australia.

(The Royal Tour of T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of York," by Taylor Darbyshire. Arnold).

## Mr. Lambton's Memoirs.

Mr. Arthur Lambton, M.P., ardent criminologist, and all-round sportsman, has contracted that malady which causes its victims to write memoirs—but in his case the result is not depressing. His book is quite bright and even scintillates in patches. As when we read of the Englishman abroad: "I recollect once when I was dining at Durand's an unmistakable Englishman entered. To him advanced the maître d'hôtel caressing the carte du jour, but as he proffered it with a book, the Englishman thrust him aside quite violently, and as he made his way to an empty table cried in a loud voice one word, and one word only, 'Boof.'" Then there's the doubtful yarn about the young Jewish soldier who positively refused to accept the Victoria Cross. "Well," said the King, "what can I give you? Is there anything else you would like instead of the Victoria Cross?" The young fellow considered, then said persuasively, "Yes, sir—give me Victoria Station."

("The Salad Bowl," by Arthur Lambton; Hurst and Blackett).

## A FINE ALBUM.

## "PEKING THE BEAUTIFUL."

From the Commercial Press, Ltd., Shanghai, we have received a copy of a specimen book of "Peking the Beautiful," a gigantic album recently published by this Company. This volume, as indicated in the title, is a collection of 70 remarkable photographic studies of China's Northern Capital, twelve prints being in full and natural colours, and 58 in photogravure monochromes. Opposite to each picture is printed in artistic type an historical and descriptive sketch, which is indispensable to a thorough appreciation of the picture.

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After a long period of patient and painstaking effort, the album is now obtainable at \$45 as a special introductory offer, which is open until the end of March, 1928, when the price will be \$60 net.

## CHIT-CHAT.

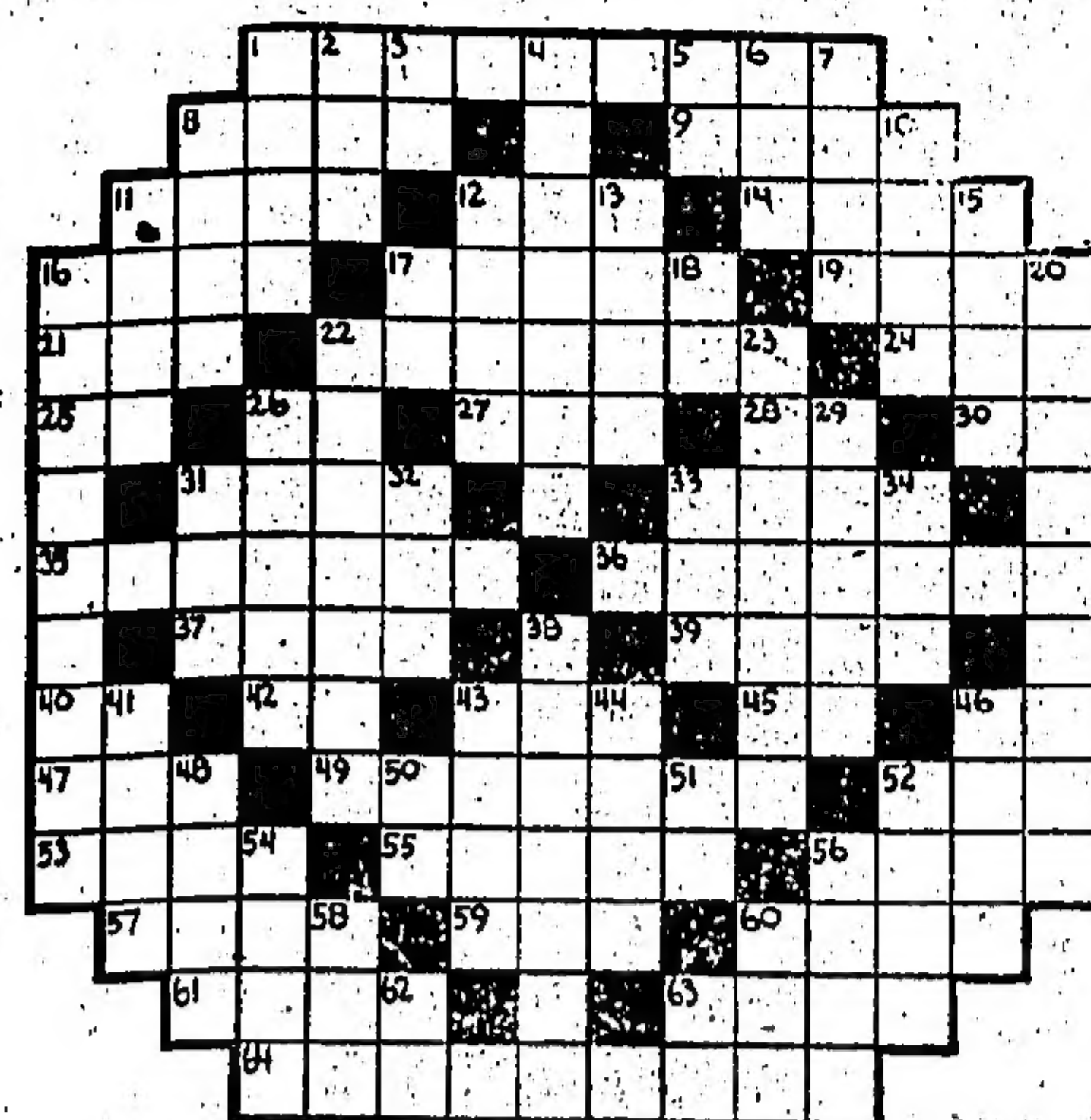
Lady Russell, who still refuses to sign her books other than by the title of "Author of Elizabeth and Her German Garden," is, as one may guess from her clever novels, sarcastic when occasion demands it, and very amusing as well. Not long ago she found it convenient to rebuke a lady who was always parading round with celebrities. Her latest discovery was a soldier, whose medals and trophies were as numerous as they were distinguished. She could talk of nothing but his exploits, until her circle became weary of his name: One day she reached her zenith. "And do you know," she said in a vibrating voice, "he was wounded in 16 places." Lady Russell looked at her with a whimsical smile, and said, "Dear me! I didn't know men had so many places."

It would be difficult to find a better book of travel than "Six Years in the Malay Jungle," by Carveth Wells. It is not a dry recital of facts and figures, by no means. Mr. Wells, who was occupied in Malaysia as a railway construction engineer, tells whimsically of fishes that walk about on dry land, climb trees, and wink at the beholder; of birds that are hatched from the shell and immediately fly away; and of deer that are shot and then carried off in the hunter's pocket. They seem very tall stories, but Dr. F. A. Lucas, of the American Museum of Natural History, vouches for them. It is a fascinating volume, and at the end one wishes for more of these delightful "pictures of the jungle and its strange denizens."

Pepys's inimitable pen has left us many portraits, and one dagger-type—in masterly shadow—his sister, Pall (writes Mr. G. H. Stevenson in the "Cornhill Magazine"). According to her brother, Pall was no beauty. What looks she possessed seem to have been somewhat temperamental. Happy, she could be—as we shall see—comely; dull, she was what Samuel styles with fraternal bluntness—plain. She was also, one regrets to say, a slattern, with no inclination apparently, though sufficiently young and able-bodied to improve matters in the untidy household at Brampton; and in the more private affair of personal cleanliness, going with the stream rather than against it. In Pall's day a bath was an ordeal to be deferred as long as possible; even washing one's feet seems to have been fraught with danger; while the state of people's heads may be inferred from Samuel's racy descriptions of those huntings with fine combs which the maid and his boy were wont to pursue upon his own to beguile the leisure of an evening at home. And Sam was a great dandy; and his

## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL	HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1-Associate in games	52-Pallid	22-Male parents
2-Wander	53-A jail	23-A mat placed in front of a door
3-A view	54-Rescued	24-Agreement
11-Constantly occupied	55-A hard growth on the skin	25-Once more
12-Legislative enactment	56-A machine for weaving	31-Secretion from inflamed tissues
13-An implement	57-Vitality	32-To cut with an axe
14-Examination	58-That which binds	33-A beverage
17-Hell	59-To charge with ammunition	34-Conjunction
18-A deck of a vessel	60-An act	35-Voluntary relinquishment of a right (pl.)
21-A rodent	61-Prizes	41-A coat
22-Befriended	62-Preposition	42-To hit with the open hand
24-State of equality	63-Consumes	43-Cry
25-Preposition	64-Case	44-Difficult
26-The Keystone State (abbr.)	65-Red oxide of iron	45-Obtained from sheep
27-Reverential fear	66-A circular band	60-Like
28-On account (abbr.)	67-A pulsation	61-A State of the U. S. (abbr.)
30-Pronoun	68-Melted rock	62-A piece of gymnastic apparatus
31-A track	69-Part of verb "to be"	64-Stolen goods
35-Wearin apparel of a Roman	70-Sand and clay	65-Overwhelming sorrows
36-Sacs	71-Treading upon	68-Blissful
37-To disarrange	72-An exclamation	69-An insect
38-To boll	73-Point of the compass (abbr.)	70-That which goes before
39-In the midst of	74-That which goes before	
40-Conjunction		
42-Senior (abbr.)		
43-Looked at		
44-An article		
46-Pronoun		
47-At this time		
49-Standing prominently		

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

wife aspired to be a beauty; so that one can deduce from such evidence what Pall's appearance was likely to be who had neither her brother's ambition nor the pretty airs and graces of her French sister-in-law. As to education, had his sister's attainments equalled his wife's, one feels sure that Samuel would have mentioned the fact. Little Mrs. Pepys was fond of reading, it is true, but her writing and spelling put her fastidious husband to the blush, and it was he who instructed her in geography and arithmetic. Pall seems even to have lacked those lighter accomplishments—dancing, singing, and playing—which in those days compensated for the absence of more solid instruction.

Mrs. Atherton is essentially a modern writer, and it is difficult to think of any other living novelist who could have understood the immortally modern women, Aspasia, so completely as she has done in her new novel "The Immortal Marriage" (Murray). It is the fascinating story of the love of Aspasia and Pericles whose love endured and survived calumny. Mrs. Atherton pictures it as the only recorded instance where the greatest man and the greatest woman of an age found each other, and throughout their love were able to influence the course of history. Aspasia was a lover of life, and her story glows with the passion and heroic gaiety of those who risk all for happiness and freedom.

Sir Arthur Hardinge who writes "A Diplomatist in Europe," served Great Britain in five different European capitals. He tells a story of an American diplomatist, who attended a Court ball at Madrid in

a pair of new pumps, which proved too small: When no one could suggest any remedy he declared himself unable to endure them any longer, removed them, and solemnly placed them by his side on a cushioned seat. One of the lords-in-waiting approached him and explained that his dress was incomplete. The Queen and Infantas were dancing, as he could not fail to see, a few yards off, and he must be good enough to resume his pumps at once. He tried, but the effort was agonizing, and he appealed to the friendly courtier to assist him. The latter went up to the King, who was soon observed in fits of laughter. Then he hurriedly disappeared from the ballroom, and returned bearing a pair of roomy, indeed huge, "bedroom" or "bath" slippers. "His Majesty," he said to the American, "begs you to accept these; they are his own, and he trusts that you will try them, and if you find them comfortable keep them."

Surgeon-Capt. O. W. Andrews, the author of "Seamarks and Landmarks," voyaged in H.M.S. "Ring-dove" in 1891-4, and visited many strange islands in the Pacific. He tells of a method by which certain French convicts in New Caledonia might marry:—In one of the prisons, nuns known as Soeurs de Saint-Joseph of Cluny, had a number of girls and widows under their supervision, and were permitted to select those they considered suitable for marriage. When a marriage was about to be permitted between a convict and one of these women prisoners the prospective bridegroom stood behind a grille, while the eligible women paraded before him like a mannequin.

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## DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS.

## CHINA ASSOCIATION.

(Continued from Page 3.)

one of those whose lot it was still to work out in China, whose spiritual home, he might say, was in China, and it was not to be wondered at that the views of himself and others similarly situated, coloured as they were by local environment, were not always the same as those whose work lay in England. They thought, not unnaturally, that they could diagnose the situation better than those ten thousand miles away, who were liable—he would hesitate to say really were—but who were liable to be prejudiced by what the man in the street might say or to give undue weight to the possible political reaction of any particular policy. They, on the other hand, explained differences of opinion between them, when they existed, by saying that those who worked in China were too close to form a proper perspective. With his great experience to help him, their chairman was able to hold the scales fairly and wisely guide the activities of the Committee. (Applause). I was, of course, especially the function of the Committee to present its point of view to the Foreign Office, and again in this department of its work they were particularly fortunate in having such a spokesman and advocate. (Applause). They might think he had unduly laboured the possibility of differences of opinion existing between those who lived in the East and those who lived at home, or amongst each of the different sections, and he dared say this was the case. They might have different ideas as to the right penance for China's ills. One thing, however, they were all agreed upon, and it was not, he hoped, out of place that, to save any possible misunderstanding, he should take

this opportunity of putting once again on record that, although some in China and also some at home were stigmatised as "die-hard," "imperialists," etc., they, one and all, had very much at heart the well-being of the masses of China. (Applause).

He associated himself to the full with the opinions enunciated by Professor Southill in his speech to the Oxford Luncheon Club ten days ago. He said that this country had the best of good-will for China, and had done more for the welfare of its people than all the nationalists put together. He professed to confidence in the future, and that the common-sense, good-natured Chinese would in the end win out as against the agitators. But he went further, and urged that England and America should bring their united wisdom and experience to bear on China, and should not be satisfied with a policy of masterly inactivity when it came to the point of seeing that effect was given to their recommendations. Such a policy with which he should like to see associated their one-time ally, Japan, who had such a great stake in the country would not, in his opinion, be one of rash adventure, but rather the exemplification of the civilising aims of three great nations without an atom of wish for territorial aggrandisement but solely directed towards helping those who were not in a position to help themselves. (Applause). If such a policy was quite unfeasible, and he for one refused to admit it, then the views of those in China, and as they would have been by the letter addressed to "The Times" by the China Committee in London, was that until Chinese nationalism had displayed more constructive capacity they must hold on to what they still had and for the sake of the orderly population of China, as well as themselves, refuse to give up what

their legally-made treaties give them, thereby saving China from further destroying established institutions and making the present chaos more, and much more chaotic—(Applause)—and this line of action was entirely in accord with what in the privacy of their offices Chinese merchants themselves implored them to follow. (Applause). With the ghastly experience of Hankow ever before them, and the knowledge of the deplorable result of the retrocession of the Mixed Court in Shanghai, which as at present constituted well-nigh stultified all the efforts of the Municipal Police to check crime principally directed, he would emphasise, against Chinese—and in passing he would lay pay a tribute to the wonderful bravery and devotion to duty of that force—he could not believe that the time was opportune for further concessions. (Loud applause). It has been a source of great satisfaction to them in China to know that the China Committee, through which, as he had said, so much of the work of this Association was done, was presided over by a man of such ripe experience and sound judgment. As one of the signatories to the letter which the China Committee sent to "The Times" the other day, anything that I may say in praise of that letter was, to some extent, prejudiced, but he felt certain that it would be received with great satisfaction in China. In the advocacy of the policy there outlined, and its inevitable development, they were fortunate in having the services of their esteemed chairman, and that alone was sufficient to ensure their hearty endorsement of the toast. (Loud applause).

Lord Southborough, responding briefly to the toast of his health, thanked Mr. Massey for the kindly way he had spoken and those present for the hearty manner in which they had received it.

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## COATS ARE RICHLY FURRED.

The New Winter Models Show Long-Haired Pelts Leading in Chic as a Smart Trimming.



Coats in general do not vary greatly in their outline. This season introduces many novelties in cut, but they are not startlingly new—rather they are subtly introduced. A few tucks or flares here and there and a different manner of placing fur creates a new aspect to the winter coat whereas there is really but little difference in the coats of last winter and this.

Lines are apt to be fairly straight, with a flare introduced for novelty. Coats vary in their lengths with a three-quarter coat taking an important place in the scheme of things sartorially new.

Furs are much used in adding a rich effect and the newest coats use long-haired pelts lavishly. Wolf is particularly smart. It shares its favour with fox and adds an effective trimming down the front of many of the newest models. The long shawl collar is particularly smart. It often is brought down the entire length of the coat, or in some cases to the waist.

Black velvet, as hinted in the Paris openings, is taking first place in creating some of the most interesting of the new models. It is most effective when combined with grey wolf or beige fox in the elaborate manner of the newer coats. Lilyan Tashman, appearing in First National's "A Texas Steer," wears a coat of interesting lines and new treatments. It is of black velvet, showing a sophisticated simplicity in outline and is smartly trimmed with one of the most exclusive of furs—chinchilla—on collar and cuffs.

## VARIETY MARKS THE MODE.

Fall Coats Show Many Fabrics, Furs and New Lines Combined to Create an Interesting Silhouette.



Individual tastes may surely be satisfied if the new mode be followed. There appears to be every conceivable type of coat offered to the discriminating shopper. There are coats that are markedly for sports with their rough fabrics and sturdy furs. There are coats of sleek lines and flatter furs for the formal afternoon which introduces any number of fabrics, and of course there are elaborate coats for the evening that show originality in both cut and cloth.

There is a decided tendency to introduce fox or wolf fur in long stole-like effects down the front of coats. It creates one of the most attractive effects of the new fall mode. Two silver foxes, for instance, around the collar and down the front of a cloth coat is one of the favourite methods of introducing fur on an exclusive model.

To take the coats for sports or general wear, the rough tweeds and new woollens, such as gura cloth,

are smartly seen in simple cuts trimmed with sport furs, among which are racoon, wolf, caracul, beaver, leopard, skunk, kit fox, krimmer and other furs of appealing pelts. Wide collars and cuffs and patch pockets are the favoured means of adding a furred appearance to the sports coat. The lines themselves are severely simple with classic tailoring the feature of the coat.

New themes in coats show huge rectangles one over the other at corners to give an overlapping effect based on geometrical lines built on the square, interesting motifs around the hips, cloth trimming on fur coats, bolero effects on the dressier coats, cape effects, wide bell-like sleeves and all sorts of odd fur treatments.

Black velvet, which is again very much in the foreground of smart coats, is also lavishly trimmed with ermine. Velvet lends itself to the formal lines, which include bolero and cape effects and often uses a stole for the collar, or else an oddly tied effect at the neck.

Beige on black is another favourite and both fox and dyed ermine appear to advantage in this combination. Blue fox is also a beautiful accompaniment to the more exclusive models in black.

Ann Rork, who wears many interesting clothes in the First National film "A Texas Steer," is seen in one of its scenes in a semi-sports coat of beige wool, trimmed with a deep collar and stole effect of baby fox that follows the general trend in the new coat mode.



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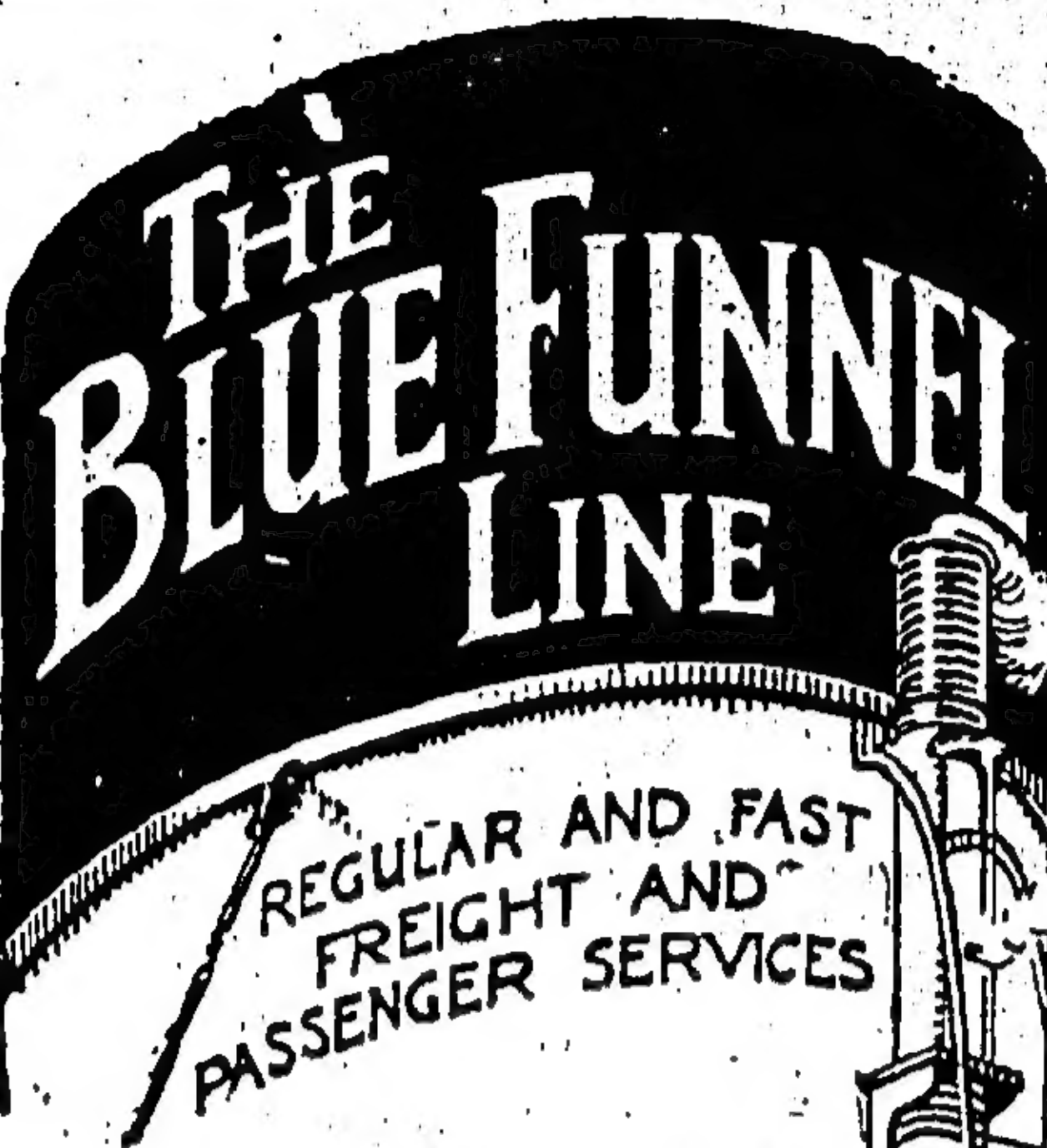
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## IN NICARAGUA.

### Further American Activities.

#### BOMBS FOR REBELS.

Severe Press Comment On "Warlike" Preparations.

Washington, Yesterday. The warlike preparations of the United States Government in connection with developments in Nicaragua have caused some heartsearching in certain quarters. Several democratic newspapers are most outspoken in their comments. One says: "It is perfectly patent that the American public has been disgracefully spoofed. Not only has Sandino's strength been greatly underestimated but attempts to represent him, and his followers as mere bandits are equally ridiculous. Temporarily Nicaragua will become an American protectorate. We are not fighting bandits but the Nicaraguans revolting against our rule." Managua, Yesterday.

Sandino's guerrillas have established a mountainous corner in Nicaragua next the Honduran border and are launching a series of raids against the American's transport, whose supplies present a difficult problem. Sandino himself is reported to have fixed his headquarters in an abandoned gold mine with a bodyguard of 50 chosen men and has an avenue of escape through a jungle to Honduras.

Washington, Yesterday. The decision to despatch reinforcements to Nicaragua followed President Coolidge and Mr. Wilbur, Secretary of the Navy. Pending their arrival, blue-jackets will be landed to relieve marines for the expedition against General Sandino's troops. The State Department formally announces its intention to co-operate fully and effectively with the Nicaraguan Constabulary establishment. Meanwhile preparations are being made to bomb the rebels in their mountain and forest strongholds. — Reuter's American Service.

[An earlier message stated:—Two battalions of marines have been ordered to Nicaragua as a punitive expedition against the rebel Sandino.]

### Warlike Preparations.

Washington, Yesterday. Notwithstanding the action of the Democrats and Independent Republicans in challenging the Government's policy in Nicaragua, both in the House of Representatives and the Senate, the Government is quietly proceeding with plans for the despatch of marine reinforcements.

The marine depot in New York is buzzing with warlike preparations, and quartermasters are working overtime to meet the emergency.

The Navy Department announces that several light cruisers are en route to Nicaragua from various ports.

The State Department denies the exaggerated report of American casualties in Nicaragua and gives the total in recent months as 16 killed and 40 wounded. — Reuter's American Service.

## U. S. APPOINTMENT.

### NEW ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR WAR.

Washington, Yesterday. President Coolidge has appointed Mr. Charles Burton Robins, of Iowa, to succeed Mr. Hanford McNider, Assistant Secretary for War, who has resigned for a business career. — Reuter's American Service.

## AIR MAILS.

### SERVICE BETWEEN U.S.A. AND MEXICO.

Washington, Yesterday. Negotiations are beginning immediately with the Mexican Post Office for the establishment of an air mail service between the United States and Mexico. — Reuter's American Service.

### WRIST BROKEN.

Chung Chu, a workman employed at the Kowloon Docks as a belt repairer and oiler in the saw mills, was yesterday removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from a broken wrist and internal injuries received through a fall down a shaft.

## HOME POLITICS.

### Conservative Party's Pledges.

#### A TRADING NATION.

Prime Minister's Views On Disarmament.

Rugby, Yesterday. In a letter wishing success to Captain Renton, Conservative candidate in Northampton by-election, the Premier declares that the Conservative Party can fairly claim to have carried out their pledges. He especially recalls in this connection the contributory scheme of pensions set on foot by the Party when it assumed office. He adds: "My view is both our Liberal and Socialist opponents are apt to lose sight of the basic fact that we are before all things a trading nation. The Conservative Party recognise the vital fact that the first great essential to industrial success is peace in industry. Abroad the Conservative Party stands for the reduction of unnecessary armaments by international agreement, but with this provision—that in no circumstances and under no pressure will it agree to any reduction by which the security of this great Empire is likely to be endangered. — British Wireless Service.

## FLOODS AT HOME.

### RIVER DARENTH BURSTS ITS BANK.

Rugby, Yesterday. The flood situation to-day is better in some areas and worse in others. Dartford, in Kent, is one of the new areas badly affected. The River Darent suddenly burst its banks during the night and to-day there were four feet of water in some of Dartford's streets. About 200 houses are flooded, and their occupants are living in a bedroom. The Thames continues to rise, and in places where it has overflowed the banks it is six or seven times the normal width. At Clapton, in East London, many houses are marooned as a result of the overflowing of the river Lea, a tributary of the Thames. — British Wireless Service.

## "NOTIFIABLE."

### SIX CASES OF ENTERIC LAST WEEK.

#### PRESIDENT COOLIDGE HAS APPOINTED.

Six Chinese cases of enteric were reported last week, but of these two were imported. Two cases proved fatal.

There were also two fatal cases of diphtheria, and two of cerebrospinal fever, also fatal. A fatality from puerperal fever and one from influenza were notified.

The Colony had a clean bill of health on Tuesday.

## HOUSE WRECKED.

### BERLINERS BLOWN UP IN BED.

Berlin, Yesterday. A terrific explosion in the north of Berlin wrecked a house, the inmates of which were abed. Half of the building collapsed. Fire broke out and is still raging. Ten people are badly injured and it is feared that many are dead. — Reuter.

### NO PAYMENT.

Chan Ting, a Chinese merchant of No. 63, Connaught Road West has reported to the police that a Chinese vessel visited his office yesterday and ordered 90 piculs of salt worth \$99 to be delivered on board the "s.s. 'Taishan'." payment for the salt was made after the goods had been loaded on board the ship. The salt was duly put on board the "Taishan" but up to the time the vessel sailed, no payment had been made for it. The ship sailed with the salt in its hold.

### DECEMBER RAINFALL.

Last month's rainfall as recorded at the Botanic Gardens was only 2.27 inches. Practically all of this fell on two days, 26 inches on the 7th, and 1.12 inches on the 23rd. There were small falls on the 8th and the 29th and "a speck" on the 21st and 31st.

## OUTLAWING WAR.

### Proposed World-Wide Treaties.

#### A PITFALL AVOIDED.

Where France Could Score With United States.

Washington, Yesterday. Much interest is being taken in the Franco-American anti-war conversations. The newspapers doubt whether world-wide anti-war Treaties will result from the present negotiations. It is suggested that Mr. Kellogg has gone one better than M. Briand by proposing a Treaty open to all nations, thus avoiding the pitfall of entering what would practically be a Franco-American alliance. The exponents of this view express the opinion that France, with an anti-war Treaty with the United States alone, would hold a preferred position as far as America is concerned. — Reuter's American Service.

A More Signal Contribution. Washington, Yesterday. Mr. Kellogg's proposal to France to invite other Powers to join in the Treaty to outlaw war is in the nature of a counter-suggestion to M. Briand's original plan of a bilateral treaty.

Mr. Kellogg, in a letter to Paris, says that he has carefully considered the matter and warmly reciprocates for the American people the lofty sentiments of friendship that inspired M. Briand to make the proposal. Mr. Kellogg then suggests that the two Governments, instead of contenting themselves with the bilateral declaration, might make a more signal contribution to world peace by joining in an effort to obtain the adherence of all the principal Powers of the world to a declaration of renouncing war as an instrument of national policy and says that such a declaration would be bound to be an impressive example to other nations and might lead the latter to subscribe to the same instrument. He concludes that if the French Government are willing to join in this endeavour he would be happy to engage immediately in conversations with a view to the preparation of a draft treaty.

The fact is emphasised that the proposed revised Franco-American Arbitration Treaty which is submitted to France's consideration is entirely separate from Mr. Kellogg's reply to M. Briand's proposal. — Reuter's American Service.

## THE HAGUE RULES.

### SCANDINAVIAN CO-OPERATION SOUGHT.

The administration of the Shipowners' Association of Norway has under deliberation an application which has been made to it and to the shipping organisations of Sweden and Denmark, asking them again to take into consideration the question of The Hague Rules. The International Shipping Conference, in making the suggestion, point out that while not ideal, it will be better for the world shipowners to be agreed than that injustices should be greater in individual countries.

The fact may be recalled that in 1923 the Shipowners' Association of Norway raised a series of objections to the existing scheme, especially from the standpoint of the owners of tramp ships, it being found impossible to recommend Norway to adhere to the Brussels Convention of 1923. It is especially the development which has taken place in Holland and France which has induced the International Shipping Conference to point out the necessity for establishing justification for ensuring the rights which, in any case, the 1923 Convention reserves to shipowners. Holland in her law has gone further than the Convention of 1923. Moreover, a scheme is now before the French Chamber of Deputies which proposes to go considerably further than the convention in the direction of imposing upon shipowners responsibility and responsibility. If the French scheme should be adopted, it is contended that it would signify a serious blow to the interests of shipowners.

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